

**Final  
Environmental Impact Statement  
for the  
West Rocky Butte Coal Lease Application  
(Federal Coal Lease Application WYW 122586)  
FES 92-11**

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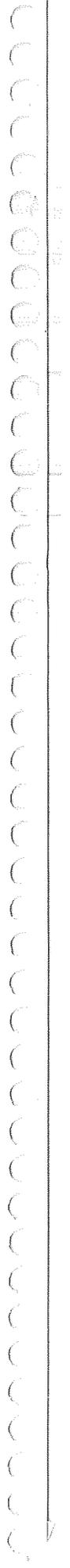
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Bureau of Land Management**

**Cooperating Agency:  
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

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Lead Agency: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

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**Abstract**

Northwestern Resources Company filed an application for a coal lease (the West Rocky Butte Tract) on Federal coal located in Campbell County, Wyoming on December 12, 1990. The application was made to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) pursuant to provisions of 43 CFR 3425.1 as a Lease By Application (LBA). The West Rocky Butte Tract is west of and adjacent to the existing Rocky Butte lease (WYW 78633), which is currently held by Northwestern Resources Company. These two tracts are located approximately 10 miles south of Gillette, Wyoming in the Powder River Basin. There are currently no mining operations on the existing lease. If the West Rocky Butte tract is leased to Northwestern Resources Company, it would be combined with the existing Rocky Butte Lease into a Logical Mining Unit (LMU), and both leases would be permitted as a new mine. This EIS has been prepared to analyze direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts to various resources which would occur as a result of the proposed action and alternatives. The proposed action, and the preferred alternative of the BLM, is to lease the West Rocky Butte tract, as modified by the BLM, to the applicant.

Comments on the EIS should be directed to:

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