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Dear Reader:

A plan of operation was received by the Worland Field Office June 19, 2009 from Black Hills Bentonite L.L.C.; which includes new mining and associated surface disturbances on approximately 6.3 acres of public lands. The "A-7" Plan amendment area is located approximately 6 miles west of Ten Sleep, in Washakie County, Wyoming.

The submission contains the necessary information as required under the 43 CFR 3809.400 regulations for plans of operation. Some clarification information was requested and received from the proponent. The BLM has assigned this plan serial number WYW142434. That case file resides at the Worland Field Office and is available to third parties under the Freedom of Information Act.

The EA and supporting Mine Plan can be viewed on the internet at:
<http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/wfdocs.html>

or at the
Bureau of Land Management
Worland Field Office
101 S. 23rd St.
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This plan is being made available for 30 calendar days, concurrent with the release of Environmental Assessment WY010-EA10-08 as per the provisions of 43 CFR 3809.411(c). Any comments regarding the EA or the contents of the plan of operation must be received by the Worland Field Office within the designated 30 calendar day period. Please send written comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Worland Field Office, Attn: Holly Elliott, P.O. Box 119, Worland, WY 82401. Written comments may also be faxed to (307) 347-5228.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Holly Elliott at the Worland Field Office at (307)-347-5193.

Sincerely,

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