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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM)

Availability for Public Review of a Coal Mining and Reclamation Plan for a Surface Coal Mine Proposed by Carter Mining Co. for the Caballo Mine, Campbell County, Wyo. [Federal Coal Lease No. W-49644 and a Portion of Federal Coal Lease No. W-3397]

ACTION: Availability of proposed coal mining and reclamation plan for public review.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Sec. 211.5 of Title 30 and Sec. 1500.2 of Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Surface Mining has received an application from Carter Mining Company to mine Federal coal at the Caballo Mine. A brief description of the location follows:

Location of Lands to be Affected

Applicant: The Carter Mining Company.

Mine Name: Caballo Mine.

State: Wyoming.

Township, Range, Section:

T 48 N, R 70 W, 6th PM, Campbell County, Wyoming Acres

Section 7: All	640
Section 18: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, NE/4, E/2W/2	480
T 48 N, R 71 W, 6th PM, Campbell County, Wyoming	
Section 8: SE/4SE/4	40
Section 9: S/2SW/4, SW/4SE/4	120
Section 10: SE/4SW/4, S/2SE/4	120
Section 11: All	640
Section 12: All	640
Section 13: N/2, N/2S/2	460
Section 14: N/2, N/2S/2, SW/4SW/4	520
Section 15: E/2, E/2NW/4, Pt. E/2SW/4	465
Section 17: E/2E/2	160
Section 20: NE/4NE/4	40
Section 21: SE/4NW/4, E/2SW/4, SE/4, S/2NE/4	360
Section 22: S/2, S/2NW/4, Pt. NE/4NW/4, Pt. NE/4	510
Section 23: NW/4NW/4, Pt. SW/4NW/4, Pt. NW/4SW/4, S/2SW/4, SW/4SE/4	207
Section 26: NW/4, E/2NE/4, SE/4NE/4, N/2S/2	440
Section 27: N/2, N/2S/2	480
Section 28: NE/4, N-2SE/4, E/2NW/4, NE/4SW/4	360
Total Acres	6,702

Office of Surface Mining Reference No. WY 0013

The Caballo Mine is an existing mine located approximately 17 miles southeast of Guillette, Wyoming. Mining operations are currently conducted on 3,338 acres of State and fee coal land, under Wyoming State Permit No. 433. Mining began in late 1978 and the coal production has been approximately 8 million tons per year.

Carter Mining Company has proposed a continuous mining pit operation from the present mining operation on privately-owned coal to state leased coal through a section of Federally leased coal (from 1982-2016). The proposed plan involves mining Federally leased coal which is overlain by private surface (owned by Carter Mining Company). This leased land consists of approximately 6,702 acres of which 2,960 acres would be mined and 255 acres would be used for a railroad loop and plant facilities. Coal production from this Federal acreage would be about 11.5 million tons annually.

With the addition of the Federally leased land, the total mine plan area would be 10,040 acres (fee, State, and Federal land). Of this total area, 6,600 acres would be disturbed or affected by mine operations, and a total of 463 million tons of coal would be extracted over 44 years. Coal would be shipped out via unit trains.

Existing facilities at the mine site that would be utilized for the expansion of operations are two silos, a railroad loop and spurs, a warehouse, and an office. The proposed plan includes construction of two additional silos, a reservoir and a diversion system.

The mining and reclamation plan has been determined to be sufficiently complete and this notice is issued to inform the public of the availability of the plan for review. The Office of Surface Mining will prepare technical analysis (TA) to determine whether the proposed plan meets the requirements of SMCRA and an environmental assessment (EA) which will evaluate the impacts of actions the Department of the Interior may take on the plan. During the analytical review, it is possible that OSM will request additional information from the company. Any further information obtained would also be available for public review.

No action with respect to approval of the plan shall be taken by the Regional Director for a period of 30 days after publication of this Notice of Availability in the Federal Register, on or before July 2, 1980. Prior to making a final decision on this plan. The Office of Surface Mining will issue a Notice of Pending decision pursuant to Sec. 211.5(c)(2) of Title 30, Code of Federal Regulations.

This plan is available for public review at the Office of Surface Mining, Region V, Brooks Towers, 1020 15th Street, Denver, Colorado and at the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), State of Wyoming, 401 19th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming. Comments on the proposed mine plan application may be addressed to the Regional Director. Office of Surface Mining, at the above address.

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