

**Availability of an Environmental Assessment for Public Review and Comment
Dry Fork Mine Federal Mining Plan Modification**

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations and the Department of the Interior (DOI) procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. 43332(2) (C), the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Western Region has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the environmental effects of the proposed mining plan modification for the Amendment 3 (A3) Tract at the Dry Fork Mine (DFM). OSMRE is responsible for reviewing plans to conduct coal mining and reclamation operations on lands containing leased federal coal. Pursuant to 30 CFR 746, OSMRE must prepare and submit to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM), a decision document recommending approval, conditional approval, or disapproval of the proposed mining plan modification. ASLM approval of a mining plan modification would authorize mining activities to produce an estimated 58.1 million tons (Mt) of coal at an estimated rate of 6.0 Mt per year from DFM's federal coal lease WYW-0311810 and add an additional 656.4 acres to the approved federal mining plan. Western Fuels-Wyoming, Inc. operates the DFM, which is approximately 4.5 miles north of Gillette, in central Campbell County, Wyoming.

OSMRE invites the public to comment on the EA and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI). The EA and unsigned FONSI will be available for review as of July 10, 2019. All comments must be post marked by August 8, 2019 for consideration.

The EA and unsigned FONSI can be reviewed online at the following OSMRE website:
<https://www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/dryForkMine/dryForkMineA3EA.shtm>.

A hard copy of the EA and unsigned FONSI will also be available for review at the following locations:

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Western Region
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202
Between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday
(Closed Saturday and Sunday)

Campbell County Courthouse
500 S. Gillette Ave.
Gillette, WY 82716
Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday
(Closed Saturday and Sunday)

Campbell County Public Library
2101 S 4-J Rd
Gillette, WY 82718
Between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday; between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Wednesday and Friday; and between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Saturday
(Closed Sunday)

You are invited to direct your comments to:

ATTN: OSMRE, Dry Fork Mine A3 Tract EA
C/O: Gretchen Pinkham
OSMRE Western Region
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202-3050

Comments may also be emailed to: osm-nepa-wy@osmre.gov. Be sure to send emails with the subject line: **ATTN: OSMRE, Dry Fork Mine A3 Tract EA**.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – will be publicly available. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public review to the extent consistent with applicable law. Additional information regarding this Project may be obtained from Gretchen Pinkham at (303) 293-5088 or at gpinkham@osmre.gov.