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OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT
WESTERN REGION
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202

In Reply Refer To:
FILE CODE (COS01000)
RE: COC-78825

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING
DOI-BLM-CO-S010-2019-0003-EA
King II Coal Mine - Dunn Ranch Area
Lease-by-Application and Mine Plan Modification

OPTIONAL REPLY: DUE August 05, 2019

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Mr. John Doe
PO Box 1234
Durango, CO 81303

Dear **NAME**:

By letters dated October 30, 2018 and February 8, 2019 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - Tres Rios Field Office and Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) Western Region notified you of the GCC Energy, LLC proposed federal coal lease-by-application and mining plan modification project at the King II Coal Mine in La Plata County, Colorado. At that time, you were requested to contact us if your tribe had an interest to initiate government-to-government consultation, if you wanted to provide comments on the analysis, and/or if there are issues/concerns of religious and cultural significance to your tribe that should be considered and addressed through the environmental analysis process and under National Historic Preservation Act.

The agencies have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzing the effects of the proposed action. The EA is being made available for public review and comment starting July 5, 2019 for a 30 day period. The BLM is also holding a public hearing to receive public comments on the fair market value and maximum economic recovery of the federal coal in the LBA, and on the preliminary EA, Wednesday, July 24 from 6 to 8 pm at the BLM Tres Rios Field Office, 29211 Highway 184, Dolores, CO 81323. An information session on the project and EA will also be held on that day from 5 to 6 pm at the same location. Comments will be heard orally at the hearing. Please refer to the enclosed copy of the Notice of Availability for additional information on the project.

If your tribe wants to submit written comments and/or information related to this proposal, please send them to the BLM or OSMRE by August 5, 2019 through BLM's eplanning or postal mail to the appropriate address listed below.

Eplanning: <https://go.usa.gov/xEKTv>

Postal Service: BLM - Tres Rios Field Office and OSMRE – Western Region
Attn: King II Coal Dunn Ranch EA
Dolores Public Lands Office
29211 Highway 184
Dolores, CO 81323

If you would like to provide comments, arrange a call/meeting to discuss this project, or initiate government-to-government consultation, please notify this office by August 5, 2019 at Mychal Yellowman - OSMRE 1999 Broadway Suite 3320, Denver, CO 80202-3050 or through email at myellowman@osmre.gov or Connie Clementson - Tres Rios Field Office 29211 HWY 184, Dolores, CO 81323 or through e-mail at cclementson@blm.gov.

If you have questions about the BLM coal program or analysis, please contact James Blair at (970) 882-7296. For questions regarding the OSMRE NEPA process, please contact Gretchen Pinkham at (303) 293-5088.

Sincerely,

Connie Clementson

Connie Clementson
Field Manager
BLM - Tres Rios Field Office



Mychal Yellowman
Manager, Indian Programs Branch
OSMRE – Western Region

Enclosure – Notice of Public Comment Period Letter