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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title XIII, Subchapter C, Part I Section 1391 (Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities and Rural Development Investment Areas) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Public Law 103-66, 107 Stat. 543, approved August 10, 1993, codified as 26 U.S.C. 1391, *et seq.*, authorized the designation of an aggregate of nine Empowerment Zones and 95 Enterprise Communities. Under this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development was authorized to designate up to six urban Enterprise Communities, and the Secretary of Agriculture was authorized to designate up to three rural Empowerment Zones and up to 30 rural Enterprise Communities.

Title IX, Subtitle F, Chapter 1, Section 952 (Designation of New Empowerment Zones) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Public Law 105-34, 111 Stat. 885, approved August 5, 1997, amended 26 U.S.C. 1391 to add a new paragraph (g), that changed the eligibility criteria for 20 new Empowerment Zones, 15 of which are to be in urban areas and designated by the Secretary of HUD, and five of which are to be in rural areas and designated by the Secretary of Agriculture. The 1997 Act also made some specific changes in the eligibility criteria for new Empowerment Zones.

(On January 7, 1998, the Secretary of HUD delegated his authority to designate two additional urban Empowerment Zones, in accordance with an amendment made by section 951 of the 1997 Act, to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. Notice was given to the public of this delegation of authority by publication in the **Federal Register** on January 26, 1998 (63 FR 3761).)

Accordingly, the Secretary delegates authority as follows.

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development the authority to designate 15 additional urban Empowerment Zones, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 1391(g) as amended by Title IX, Subtitle F, Chapter 1, Section 952 (Designation of New Empowerment Zones) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of

1997, Public Law 105-34, 111 Stat. 885, approved August 5, 1997.

Section B. Authority Excepted

The authority delegated under Section A does not include the power to sue or be sued.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: December 30, 1998.

Andrew Cuomo,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Issue a Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Associated Environmental Assessment for Little River National Wildlife Refuge, Broken Bow, OK

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has prepared the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment for the Little River National Wildlife Refuge, Broken Bow, Oklahoma, pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and its implementing regulations.

ADDRESSES: Copies may be obtained by writing to: April Fletcher, Refuge Program Specialist, Division of Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103-1306.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is Service policy to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process has considered many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection and acquisition, public and recreational uses, and cultural resources. Public input into this planning process has assisted in the development of the final document. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Service has considered comments and advice generated in response to

draft documents prior to the preparation of this final CCP. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCP policy to advise other agencies and the public of the availability of the final document.

Dated: December 31, 1998.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-030-1320-00 [WYW139975]]

Ark Land Company Coal Lease Application, Carbon County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 40 CFR 1500-1508, the Bureau of Land Management announces the availability of the FEIS for Ark Land Company Coal Lease Application (WYW139975) in the Green River-Hams Fork Coal Production Region of Wyoming.

DATES: Written comments on the FEIS will be accepted for thirty (30) days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes their Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. We expect EPA will publish that notice on January 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please address questions, comments, or requests for copies of the FEIS to Field Manager, Rawlins Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 2407, 1300 North Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Vosika Neuman, Project Team Leader, or John Spehar, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at the above address or by telephone at 307-328-4200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 43 CFR 3425.1, Ark Land Company, St. Louis, Missouri (Ark), filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on September 20, 1996, to obtain a coal lease on 4145.15 acres of Federal coal lands located in Carbon County, Wyoming. The lease application area is located within the Carbon Basin Coal Project Area approximately 5 miles northwest of the town of Elk Mountain and 12 miles southeast of the town of Hanna. The Project Area encompasses 18,360 acres of intermingled Federal, State, and private lands.