

WRTT Conference Call

December 21st, 2009

Monday 11:00 AM Mountain Time

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Discussion Topic(s):

WRTT Member Reports/Information

Alaska: **Title IV:** The public comment period for the CIRI exploration Permit will end on Dec. 31, 2009.

Arizona (Navajo):

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Colorado: **Title V:** Bond releases continued through the end of 2009 and will continue into 2010. A mining permit was terminated. A new mine (on private land) in Western Colorado is in the permitting stage. The mine would be operated by Western Fuels. A Peabody mine is in the permitting stage and would use an existing highwall for their new entries. The New Year will bring two new hires and, most likely, a new director.

Montana:

Montana (Crow):

New Mexico: **Title V:** Bill Brancard is still the Director of EMNRD and will also assume the duty of chief legal counsel. A bond release is ongoing at the McKinley mine. The BIA is holding up the bond release due to a TCP area that exists within the bonded area. A Notice of Intent to sue was issued by the Sierra Club to address the issue of fly ash disposal at the San Juan Mine.

Title IV: 2010 looks to be a major year for construction projects.

North Dakota:

Utah: Title IV: Data is still be organized by a contractor for use in their database system

Title V: A new surface mine permit near Zion is being challenged by the Sierra Club.

Wyoming: Title V: IT implementation of the Enterprise data base (user acceptance phase) continues. The database will address the electronic permitting process and related business. A demonstration of the database is set for January 4th, 2010. Feb 26th we will know if the sage grouse are listed. Title IV: 2009 construction is complete. The 2010 schedule is being developed. WY AML rules have been finalized. These rules primarily addressed AML fund reauthorization and how to spend those funds. Bridger coal maintenance folks mentioned a possible occurrence of subsidence near their power lines. Blackhawk engineering is being contracted to use multispectral wave technology to determine the extent of voids in the area.

Casper Field Office: Proposed Title V changes are being addressed in the CFO.

Program Support Division/Albuquerque Area Office/Farmington Area Office:

Denver Field Division/ Olympia Area Office:

TIPS:

General Discussion

Wyoming asked what the status of the new AMLIS system was, and, if the site was ever going to change. It was still the same the last time they checked the site. CFO responded that there had been some technical glitches and that was what had been slowing down the implementation of the new changes.

The WRTT team leader stated that he would be on hiatus due to the new director's oversight directives and that Dale Herbort of CFO would be taking over his duties until May 2010.

Applied Science Cooperative Agreement proposals are due January 15th, 2010.

Comment: This is our last conference call of the year, so, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Next Call:
Tentatively: January 25th, 2010