



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Lease for Sale Falkirk Mining Company, Falkirk Mine Lease-by-Application NDM 111489, McLean County, ND

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Federal coal resources in lands in McLean County, North Dakota, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10 a.m. Mountain Time (MT) on September 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the main conference room of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Montana State Office, at this same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tessa Wallace, by telephone at 406-896-5086, or by email at tlwallace@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Wallace. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This sale is being held in response to a lease-by-application filed by Falkirk Mining Company. The Federal coal resources to be offered are within five tracts located on the following described lands:

Fifth Principal Meridian, North Dakota

T. 146 N., R. 82 W.,

sec. 2, lots 3 and 4, and S1/2NW1/4;

sec. 3, lots 1 and 2, S1/2NE1/4, and SE1/4.

T. 146 N., R. 83 W.,

sec. 24, SE1/4.

T. 144 N., R. 84 W.,

sec. 12, NW1/4.

The areas described aggregate 799.96 acres, according to the official plats of the surveys on file with the BLM.

The coal in the tracts have two coal beds, which are designated as the Hagel A and Hagel B coal beds. Both of these beds are considered minable. The Hagel A bed in all five tracts ranges from 4.7 to 7.02 feet thick. The Hagel B bed in the four tracts where it occurs ranges from 3.2 to 4.8 feet thick. The Hagel B bed is not found in T. 144 N., R. 84 W., sec. 12, NW1/4. The tracts are located adjacent to or within Falkirk's current mining operation and contain approximately 12.09 million tons of Coal Reserve Base. The composite coal quality of the Hagel A and B coal beds are as follows: Heat Content (Btu/lb.) 6,112 Btu/lb.; Moisture 39.98 percent; Ash Content 9.64 percent, Sulfur Content 0.66 percent, Sodium in Ash 1.88 percent.

The tracts will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount, provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM's estimate of the fair market value (FMV) of the tracts. The minimum bid for the tract is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. The minimum bid is not intended to represent FMV. The authorized officer will determine if the bids meet FMV.

The sealed bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand delivered to the Public Room, BLM Montana State Office (see **ADDRESSES**), and

clearly marked “Sealed Bid for NDM 111489 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 10 a.m. (Mountain Time) on September 10, 2025.” The Public Room representative will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 9:30 a.m. MT on September 10 will not be considered. If identical high bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking sealed bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the sale official's announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received.

Prior to lease issuance, the high bidder, if other than the applicant, must pay the BLM the cost recovery fee in the amount of \$206,727.00, in addition to all processing costs incurred by the BLM after the date of this sale notice (43 CFR 3473.2(f)).

A lease issued as a result of this offering will require payment of an annual rental of \$3 per acre, or fraction thereof, and a royalty payable to the United States pursuant to section 7(a) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 207(a)) as amended.

Bidding instructions for the tracts offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are included in the detailed statement of lease sale, with copies available at the BLM Montana State Office (see **ADDRESSES**). Documents in case file NDM 111186 are available for public inspection at the BLM Montana State Office Public Room.

(Authority: 43 CFR 3422.3-2)

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