

Draft Environmental Impact Statement - Proposed Red Cliff Mine Project and Federal Coal Lease by Application

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Abstract: The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analyzes the development of off-lease surface facilities (right-of-way application COC 69290) for coal mining associated with the proposed underground Red Cliff Coal Mine proposed by CAM-Colorado, LLC. Surface facilities to be constructed include roads, a water pipeline, electric transmission line, conveyers, coal stockpile and waste disposal areas, a coal preparation plant, the mine portal, other administrative and operations facilities, and a railroad spur line that would connect to the existing Union Pacific Railroad line near Mack, Colorado. The EIS also considers the effects of extracting coal from CAM's existing Federal coal leases defined as logical mining unit COC-57198, issuance of an adjoining Federal coal lease by application (LBA) COC-070538, and possible future Federal leases for the estimated thirty year mine life. All proposed project features are located in Mesa and Garfield Counties, Colorado.

Date Comments Must Be Received: The BLM will accept written comments on this Draft EIS that are received or postmarked within 60 calendar days following publication of the Notice of Availability by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register. The close of the comment period will be announced on the web site www.blm.gov/rmp/co/redcliffmine/ , or by contacting the BLM at the address or telephone number below. Please see the Dear Reader letter behind the front cover of this document for important information on how to comment. Additional information on how to comment, where to review documents, how to obtain additional information, and the time and location of public meetings can be found on the website, or by contacting the BLM.

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