



Memorandum

TO: Coal Policy Task Force
Leasing Subcommittee

FROM: Katie Sweeney, Executive Vice President & COO

DATE: August 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Comments on Scoping for the BLM Buffalo and Miles City RMPs

The National Mining Association (NMA) yesterday filed scoping comments on potential revisions to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) 2024 resource management plans (RMPs) for the Miles City and Buffalo field offices. The comments on the Miles City RMP are available [here](#) and the Buffalo RMP [here](#).

The NMA comments supported the revisions as necessary to reverse the Biden administration's de facto coal moratorium on new federal coal leasing in the Powder River Basin, the largest coal producing region in the U.S. To remedy a major failure in the 2024 RMP amendment process, the NMA urged BLM to adequately analyze the impacts to the reliable and affordable electricity. To assist the BLM with that analysis, the NMA provided information on energy demand trends and the integral role of dispatchable coal baseload power in maintaining a healthy, safe, and modern standard of living.

If you have any questions on the comments, please contact me at ksweeney@nma.org.

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