

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS  
BOARD OF LAND APPEALS**

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS,

Appellant

IBLA No. 2016-

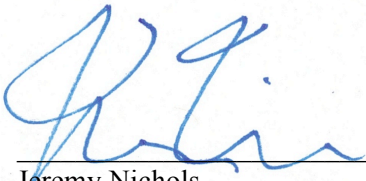
Notice of Appeal, Bridger Coal Lease  
Modification to WYW-154595,  
EA #DOI-BLM-WY-040-EA15-120,  
Sweetwater County, Wyoming

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Pursuant to 43 C.F.R. §§ 4.410, 4.411, and 4.413, WildEarth Guardians (hereafter, “Appellant”) hereby files this Notice of Appeal of a decision made by Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) Rock Springs Field Office Manager, Kimberlee D. Foster. Ms. Foster’s decision authorizes a coal lease modification that would add 120.02 acres and 738,000 tons of coal to lease number WYW-154595. The lease was applied for by the Bridger Coal Company, a joint venture between the utility companies PacifiCorp and Idaho Power, and would expand the Jim Bridger mine in Sweetwater County in southern Wyoming. This decision is documented in a Decision Record (“DR”) and Finding of No Significant Impact (“FONSI”) both signed by Ms. Foster on December 29, 2015. The DR and FONSI rely on Environmental Assessment (“EA”) Number DOI-BLM-WY-040-EA15-120.

Appellant will file a Statement of Reasons within 30 days in accordance with 43 C.F.R. § 4.412.

Respectfully submitted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016,



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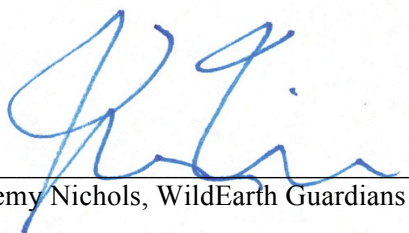
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on January 28, 2016, I served this Notice of Appeal by certified mail, return receipt requested, upon:

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