

ACTION ALERT

from the Montana Environmental Information Center

Contact the Land Board TODAY!
Tell them: “No Coal Company Bailouts!”



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On February 16th, the State Land Board will decide whether to lower the price for Otter Creek coal. Arch Coal just asked the Land Board to decrease the price from an already bargain basement level of 25¢ per ton with a 12.5% royalty. Similar coal in Wyoming has recently sold for more than 80¢ per ton with a 12.5% royalty.

Mining the Otter Creek coal jeopardizes profitable family farms, private property rights, both water quality and quantity, and public health. When burned, the coal will release 2.5 BILLION tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere—nearly half of what the entire United States produces each year. We cannot curb global warming by burning more coal.

Please contact the Land Board members and urge them to say **NO to the leasing of this coal at all, and unequivocally **NO** to lowering the price!**

On **Tuesday, Feb. 16th, at 8:15 AM**, please join us for coffee, treats, and a little street theater before the Land Board meeting. We will meet on the third floor of the Capitol. If you can, stay for the Land Board meeting 9 AM.

E-mail the individual Land Board members with your comments:

- **Governor Brian Schweitzer**,
<http://governor.mt.gov/contact/commentsform.asp>
- **Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau**, OPISupt@mt.gov
- **Secretary of State Linda McCulloch**,
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- **Attorney General Steve Bullock**,
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- **State Auditor Monica Lindeen**,
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Written public comment may also be submitted to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. Comments should be addressed to: Monte Mason, Minerals Management Bureau Chief, and e-mailed to mmason@mt.gov

Additional information on the Otter Creek coal property, including an electronic copy of the appraisal document, is available on the [DNRC Web site](#).