

Hello Defenders,

The message below is being sent to ask you to attend one of these hearings and voice your concern against this coal mine.

Global warming does not need any more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Plus, in this Region, all the coal is laced with uranium which no one mentions.

Please, if you can, attend one of these hearings. This area to be mined is within the 1868 Treaty Territory and within the area covered by Defenders. We need your help. As many voices to say they do not want a new coal mine in this Region might be able to stop it.

Thank you.

Charmaine White Face, Coordinator

[Attend a public hearing next week in Lame Deer, Ashlands or Broadus](#)

In the past few days more than 600 CREDO activists in Montana have told the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) to conduct a comprehensive review of the negative environmental and health impacts of the proposed Otter Creek coal mine.

And since the potential impacts are so great from radically increased greenhouse gas emissions and toxic mining pollution in local water supplies to dangerous diesel fumes and toxic coal dust in the air ensuring that Montana officials conduct a thorough

review is our best chance to stop this outrageous mine proposal.

This week in southwest Montana there's an important opportunity to fight the disastrous Otter Creek mine. The DEQ and DNRC are holding public hearings in Lame Deer, Ashland and Broadus to hear directly from local residents about the mine proposal. Can you attend one of the hearings to speak out against the Otter Creek mine?

What: [Public hearing in Broadus \(click here to RSVP\)](#)

When: Wednesday, January 16, 6 p.m.

Where: Broadus Community Center, 1 Main Street, Broadus, MT 59301

What: [Public hearing in Ashland \(click here to RSVP\)](#)

When: Thursday, January 17, 2 p.m.

Where: St. Labre School, 1000 Tongue River Road, Ashland, MT 59003

What: [Public hearing in Lame Deer \(click here to RSVP\)](#)

When: Thursday, January 17, 6 p.m.

Where: Charging Horse Casino, 1/2 U.S. 212, Lame Deer, MT 59043

Once you RSVP for one of the public hearings, we'll send you suggested talking points and all of the information you'll need to make your experience at the hearing productive and easy.

A massive and dirty coal mine in Montana would be bad enough, but to make matters worse, Arch Coal, the company behind the mine, plans to export the coal to Asia, where it will be burned with totally inadequate pollution controls.

By providing cheap American coal to growing Asian economies, the Otter Creek mine would be a major contributor to global climate change, which is already ravaging the planet with prolonged droughts, record heat waves and deadly extreme weather events like Superstorm Sandy.

It's up to all people to stop the misguided and dangerous Otter Creek coal mine proposal, so I hope you can attend one of this week's public hearings and voice your strong opposition.

[Click here to RSVP for one of this week's public hearings in southwest Montana.](#)

Thanks for fighting to stop the Otter Creek coal mine.

Josh Nelson, Campaign Manager

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