CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC. Form 8-K April 13, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT

TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) April 13, 2010

Cloud Peak Energy Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-34547 (Commission File Number)

26-3088162 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

505 S. Gillette Ave. Gillette, WY (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

82716 (Zip Code)

(307) 687-6000

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 13, 2010, Cloud Peak Energy Inc. issued a press release announcing its coal production for the quarter ended March 31, 2010. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release, dated April 13, 2010, issued by Cloud Peak Energy Inc. announcing its coal production for the quarter ended March 31, 2010.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.

By:

/s/ Amy J. Stefonick Name: Title:

Amy J. Stefonick Corporate Secretary

Date: April 13, 2010

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