

Attachment 4: Supporting Information Required for Acquiring Partial Land Interests

(Reference U.S.D.I. Bureau of Land Management Manual/Handbook H-2100-1 Supplemental Technical Guide; Acquisition and Stewardship of Conservation Easements, July 2006).

1. Authority for acquiring the partial land interests.
2. Confirmation that the rights proposed for acquisition do not exceed any limitations specified in the acquisition authority for wild and scenic rivers and other special management areas.
3. Purpose of the proposed acquisition of a partial land interest.
4. Future land or easement acquisition needs within the area.
5. Threat to BLM and adjacent Federal, State or local public resources if the interest is not acquired.
6. Public and congressional support for the acquisition of a partial land interest.
7. Willingness of landowner(s) to sell a partial land interest.
8. Cost effectiveness, including a comparison to fee title acquisition.
9. Source of funds for acquisition of the partial land interest.
10. Anticipated funding and staffing needs for future monitoring and management “stewardship.” The primary purpose of the acquisition will determine the most likely source(s) of funds for future monitoring and management. The BLM Authorized Officer must not commit to buy or accept ownership of property unless they can demonstrate the means to care for it and fulfill the obligations of ownership.
11. A draft of the easement, mineral deed, or other appropriate conveyance document, including a list of unusual or special terms or conditions. (If a draft conservation easement is not initially available, a substitute document which lists the key agreed upon aspects which are most germane -- e.g., public access, home site reservations, and key big-ticket items will be provided).
12. Map of the project proposal showing relationship of the proposed acquisition of a partial land interest to adjacent BLM lands.
13. Documentation that the acquisition of a partial land interest would meet the intent of management guidelines for the area and would comply with the approved BLM land use plan(s) or other management plans.
14. Guidelines for administration, monitoring and enforcement of violations if a conservation easement is being acquired.