

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

**Oregon/Washington State Office**

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**May 14, 2025**

**Notice of Competitive**

**Geothermal Internet Lease Sale**

In accordance with the *Geothermal Steam Act*, the *Energy Policy Act of 2005* (final rules issued May 2, 2007), and the BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3200, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is offering 2 parcels containing 5235.330 acres in the State of Oregon/Washington State Office for internet-based competitive geothermal leasing. This notice describes:

- The date, time and place of the sale.
- How to participate in the bidding process.
- The sale process.
- The conditions of the sale; and
- How to file a noncompetitive offer after the sale.

Attached is a list of lands we are offering by serial number, parcel number, and land description. We have included any stipulations, lease notices, special conditions or restrictions that will be made a part of the lease at the time we issue it. We have also identified those parcels where the United States owns less than 100% interest in the geothermal mineral rights.

For your convenience, additional sale documentation is located on <https://nflss.blm.gov/s/>

**When and where will the sale take place?**

***(For single day sales)***

**When:** The sale date is July 10, 2025. The open bidding period will begin at **8:00 a.m.** Pacific Standard Time (PST) / **10:00 a.m.** Central Standard Time (CST). Each parcel will have its own unique open bidding period, with start and stop times clearly identified on the auction website. The open bidding period for each parcel will run for one hour, from start to finish, and bids will only be accepted during a parcel's open bidding period.

**Receipts for all successful bidders will be receipted on the same day the parcel opens and closes. All payment requirements as stated in the Payment Due Section of this Notice will pertain to the parcels on the day they were sold. For payment requirements see Payment Due section of this Notice.**

**Where:** The sale is held online at <https://www.energynet.com/>. Click on the Government Lease Sales icon to view this online lease sale. Parcels may be viewed online at the EnergyNet website approximately 10 business days after the posting of this Notice of Competitive Geothermal Internet-Based Lease Sale on the BLM website.

**Access:** The auction website is open to the public. The internet-based lease sale can be observed in real-time. However, you must register as a bidder on the website, in advance, in order to submit bids for a parcel. The auction website will be active and available for use approximately 10 days after the date of this Notice of Competitive Lease Sale and will remain available for viewing until the completion of the auction. The available parcels listed in this Notice will be detailed on the website. Interested parties may visit the website at any time.

Potential bidders may register for the online auction as soon as the auction website is active. Further, potential bidders are encouraged to visit the website prior to the start of the open bidding period to become familiar with the site and review the bidding tutorial. Supporting documentation is available on the website to familiarize new users with the process and answer frequently asked questions.

### **How will the sale be conducted?**

The sale will be conducted **by online bidding only**. The online auction will be a sequential, ascending clock, fixed period, English auction. Each parcel will have its own unique open bidding period, with start and stop times clearly identified on the auction website. The open bidding period for each parcel will run for **one hour**, from start to finish. Bids will only be accepted for each parcel during its open bidding period. Each parcel will close bidding sequentially so that each bidder will know if they are the highest winning bid before subsequent parcels close. The website will display each current high bid, and the high bid bidder's number. The winning bid is the highest bid per acre received, equal to or exceeding the minimum acceptable bid, which is on record in the online auction system by the close of the auction period.

The online system allows participants to submit maximum bids to enable a bidder to participate in the online auction without having to be logged into the website at the time the auction period closes. The auction website provides a full explanation of placing maximum bids, as well as an explanation of how they work to place bids on your behalf to maintain your high bidder status up to the chosen maximum bid amount. The BLM strongly encourages potential bidders to review the bidding tutorial, in the Frequently Asked Questions area on the auction website in advance of the online lease sale.

## How do I participate in the bidding process?

To participate in the BLM bidding process, you must register and obtain a bidder number. A participant can register to bid at the auction website <https://www.energynet.com/> approximately 10 days after posting of this Notice on the BLM NFLSS website at <https://nflss.blm.gov/s/>. Participants are encouraged to register early; to familiarize themselves with the bidding instructions and ensure they have ample time to complete all of the required registration steps before the open bidding period commences.

If an entity is bidding for more than one party, they **must register separate credentials**, satisfy all registration requirements and **obtain a separate bidder number for each company or individual** they wish to represent.

You do not have to be “present” in the auction in order to participate as a bidder. The online auction provides a “maximum bid” bidding option. By using this “maximum bid” option, you are asking the system to bid automatically on your behalf, up to an amount you specify.

When registering as a bidder on the auction website, you will also be asked to sign a statement to confirm that any bid you cast will represent a good-faith intention to acquire a geothermal lease and that you understand that any winning bid will constitute a legally binding commitment to accept the terms of the lease and pay monies owed. Further, you will acknowledge, through self-certification of the enhanced bidder form, that you understand that it is a crime under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 43 U.S.C. 1212 to knowingly and willfully make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations regarding your qualifications; bidder registration and intent to bid; acceptance of a lease; or payment of monies owed; and that any such offense may result in a fine or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both. You will also acknowledge that you understand that it is a crime under 30 U.S.C. 195 (a) and (b) to organize or participate in any scheme to defeat provisions of the mineral leasing regulations. Any person who knowingly violates this provision will be punished by a fine of not more than \$500,000, imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or both.

If you, or the party you represent, owe the United States any monies that were due the day of a previous geothermal lease auction conducted by any BLM office (the minimum monies owed the day of sale), or any monies owed EnergyNet for a previous geothermal lease auction conducted by EnergyNet for any BLM office, you will not be allowed to register to bid at this lease sale.

The Mineral Leasing Act requires that leases be issued to a “responsible qualified bidder” (30 U.S.C. 226(b)(1)(A)). Any bidder, or party represented by a bidding agent, that does not pay the minimum monies owed the day of the sale is not a “responsible qualified bidder” and will be barred from participating in any geothermal lease auction nationwide until the bidder settles that debt to the United States. In addition, if you or the party you represent defaults at any three sales

conducted by any BLM office, you or the party you represent will be barred permanently from participating in any other BLM geothermal lease sale auction.

### Provisions Pertaining to Certain Transactions by Foreign Persons Involving Real Estate in the United States

The Office of Investment Security, Department of the Treasury issued a final rule, **effective February 13, 2020**, establishing regulations to implement the provisions relating to real estate transactions in section 721 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended by the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act of 2018. The final rule was published at 85 Fed. Reg. 3158 (Jan. 17, 2020) and codified at 31 C.F.R. part 802.

The new rule sets forth the process relating to the national security review by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) of certain transactions, referred to in the rule as “covered real estate transactions,” that involve the purchase or lease (including an assignment or other transfer) by, or concession to, a foreign person of certain real estate in the United States. Covered real estate transactions could include some transactions involving the Federal mineral estate.

The CFIUS looks not only at the entities that are lessees, but also to any [legal] person with the ability to exercise control, as defined by the statute and its implementing regulations, over the lessee. CFIUS is authorized to review covered real estate transactions and to mitigate any risk to the national security of the United States that arises as a result of such transactions. This could result in the modification, suspension, or prohibition of a lease or interest therein.

Accordingly, BLM recommends that each potential bidder, lessee, or [other] interest holder review the final rule before bidding on or acquiring an interest in a Federal oil and gas lease.

For further information, please refer to the CFIUS page:

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/international/the-committee-on-foreign-investment-in-the-united-states-cfius>

### **What is the sale process?**

Starting at the posted opening date and time for each parcel:

- A block will be auctioned as one unit and all parcels within the block will receive the same high bid as the block. If the block receives no bids, the parcels will be offered individually.
- All bids are on the gross (total) per-acre basis, rounded up to whole acres, for the entire acreage in the parcel.

- All bids are made in minimum increments of \$1.00 per acre, or fraction of an acre thereof.
- The winning bid is the highest received bid, equal to or exceeding the minimum acceptable bid, which is on record in the online auction system at the close of the auction period; and

**The decision of the BLM, as presented on the auction website's bid history at <https://www.energynet.com>, is final.**

The minimum acceptable bid is \$2 per acre. If a parcel contains fractional acreage, round it up to the next whole acre. For example, a parcel of 100.51 acres requires a minimum bid of \$202 (\$2 x 101 acres).

You cannot withdraw a bid once a bid is placed, and the auction system determines that you are the high bidder.

### **How long will the sale last?**

Each parcel will have its own unique open bidding period, with start and stop times clearly identified on the auction website. The open bidding period for each parcel will run for **one hour**, from start to finish. The length of the sale depends on the number of parcels we are offering.

### **What conditions apply to the lease sale?**

- Parcel withdrawal or sale postponement:** We reserve the right to withdraw any or all parcels before the sale begins. If we withdraw a parcel, we will post a notice in the Oregon/Washington State Office Information Access Center (Public Room) before the sale begins. Additionally, the auction website will clearly indicate that a parcel is withdrawn. If we postpone the sale, a clear notice will be posted in the Oregon/Washington State Office Information Access Center, the NFLSS website at <https://nflss.blm.gov/s/>, and on the auction website.
- Fractional mineral interests:** 43 CFR 3206.15 If the United States owns less than 100 percent of the geothermal mineral interest for the land in a parcel, we will show that information as part of the parcel listing. When we issue the lease, it will be for the percentage or fraction of interest the United States owns. However, you must calculate your bonus bid and advance rental payment on the gross (total) acreage in the parcel, not the United States net interest. For example, if a parcel contains 199.31 acres and the United States owns 50 percent of the geothermal mineral interest, the minimum bonus bid will be \$400 (\$2 x 200 acres), and the advance annual rental will be \$400 (\$2 x 200 acres) for the first year and \$600 (\$3 x 200 acres) for the remainder of the lease term.

Conversely, your chargeable acreage and royalty on production will be calculated on the United States net acreage.

- Payment due:** You cannot withdraw a bid. Your bid is a legally binding contract. For **each parcel** you are the successful high bidder, on the day the parcel closes you must pay 20 percent of the bonus bid; the first year's advance rental of \$2 per acre or fraction of an acre; and a non-refundable administrative fee of \$200.00. These are monies you owe the United States, whether or not a lease is issued.

**You must provide notification of the payment process of these monies to the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office prior to 4 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST), the day the parcel closes, confirmation (via email or fax) that the payment for the parcel(s) has been initiated and the type of payment method.** Payment will be made directly to the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, or as otherwise directed by the BLM. **Payments to the BLM will not be made through the auction website.** At the conclusion of each parcel's bidding period, the winning bidder will be provided instructions by the online auction system on how to make the required payment to the BLM. Also, you will be required to pay the buyer's premium to EnergyNet, 1.5% of any successful bid, in order to participate in the internet-based lease sale.

If your bonus bid was more than \$2 per acre or fraction of an acre and you do not pay the full amount on the day of the sale for the parcel, you must pay any balance due by the close of business on the 15th calendar day after the last day of the internet-based auction closes. **Remaining balance will be due in the Oregon/Washington State Office by 4:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, July 26, 2025. If you do not pay in full by this date, you lose the right to the lease and all money paid the day of the sale.** If you forfeit a parcel, we may offer it again at a future sale.

The minimum monies owed on the day of the sale for a winning bid are monies owed to the United States [43 CFR 3203.17]. If we do not receive notification of the payment process for the minimum monies owed the day of the sale by the date and time above, the BLM will continue to pursue collection by issuing a bill for the monies owed and your offer will be rejected. If we do not receive payment by the bill due date, we will send a demand letter to you that will include additional fees. If we do not receive payment as requested by the demand letter, the U.S. will immediately pursue collection by all appropriate methods, and when appropriate, collect late fees, interest, administrative charges, and on past-due amounts assess civil penalties. "All appropriate methods" include, but are not limited to, referral to collection agencies and credit reporting bureaus; salary or administrative offset; offset of Federal and state payments, including goods or services; and Federal and state tax refund offset; and retirement payment offset. We may send debts to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the IRS may charge them as income to you on Form 1099C, Cancellation of Debt (Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, as amended; The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996; 31 CFR Part 285).



•**Forms of payment:** Specific payment instructions will be provided by the online auction system to winning bidders. You may pay by:

- Personal check, certified check, money order (expedited mailing methods).
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).
- Automated Clearing House (ACH); and/or
- Credit card (Discover, Visa, American Express, or MasterCard only).
- We cannot accept cash.

In order to meet the payment requirement, you must provide BLM contacts with confirmation that the transaction has been initiated on the day the parcel closes before 4:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST). An email or fax containing confirmation must include, but is not limited to, the following appropriate documents: overnight shipping tracking document, a copy of the payment instrument, and/or a bank provided electronic confirmation of EFT or ACH. **Do not email or fax privacy information such as account numbers.**

***Please note, in accordance with the Department of Treasury Financial Manual, Announcement No. A-2014-04, the BLM cannot accept credit card payments for an amount equal to or greater than \$24,999.99. The BLM cannot accept aggregated smaller amounts to bypass this requirement.*** An amount owed that exceeds the maximum dollar amount for a credit card payment transaction may not be split into two or more payment transactions in the same day by using one or more credit cards. The BLM does not have Personal Identification Number (PIN) equipment for the purpose of processing PIN authorized debit cards. All debit card transactions will be processed as credit cards and the dollar value limits will apply.

If you plan to make your payment using a credit card, you should contact your bank prior to the sale to let them know that you will be making a substantial charge against your account. If the credit card transaction is refused, we will try to notify you early enough so that you can make other payment arrangements. ***However, we cannot grant you any extension of time to provide confirmation of payment to the BLM contacts.***

If you pay by check, please make your check payable to: **Department of the Interior-BLM**. If a check you have sent to us in the past has been returned for insufficient funds, we may ask that you give us a guaranteed payment, such as a certified check.

•**Bid form:** On the day of the sale, if you are a successful winning high bidder, you must submit (email or fax) to the applicable BLM State Office a properly completed and signed competitive bid form (Form 3000-2) and proof of the required payment. This form is a legally binding offer **by the prospective lessee** to accept a lease and all its terms and conditions. Once you sign the form, you cannot change it. The online auction system will provide the successful winning bidder with a fillable pdf of this bid form and instructions on how to submit the form to the Oregon/Washington State Office after the auction. We

will not accept any bid form that has information crossed out or is otherwise altered. **We will not issue a lease until we receive a signed copy of the bid form in accordance with 43 CFR 3202.11.**

You will be shown the bid form as part of the bidder registration process, and asked to certify that you will complete and execute it should you be the successful winning high bidder. We ask that you complete the form at this time to ensure you can meet this condition.

Your completed bid form certifies that:

1. You and/or the prospective lessee are qualified to hold a geothermal lease under our regulations 43 CFR 3202.11; and
2. Both of you have complied with 18 U.S.C. 1860, a law that prohibits unlawful combinations, intimidation of, or collusion among bidders.

This Notice includes a copy of the bid form, and again, you will be provided a copy during the bidder registration process and asked to assert that you agree that you will be able and willing to comply and sign it if you are the winning bidder at the close of the auction.

- **Federal acreage limitations:** Qualified individuals, associations, or corporations may only participate in a competitive lease sale and purchase Federal geothermal leases from this office if such purchase will not result in exceeding the state limit of 51,200 acres (public domain and acquired land combined) (43 CFR 3206.13).

For the purpose of chargeable acreage limitations, you are charged with your proportionate share of the lease acreage holdings of partnerships or corporations in which you own an interest greater than 10 percent. Lease acreage committed to a unit agreement, communitization agreement or development contract that you hold, own or control and was paid in the preceding calendar year is excluded from chargeability for acreage limitation purposes. The acreage limitations and certification requirements apply for competitive geothermal lease sales, noncompetitive lease offers, transfer of interest by assignment of record title or operating rights, and options to acquire interest in leases regardless of whether an individual, association, or corporation has received additional time under 43 CFR 3206.13, to divest excess acreage acquired through merger or acquisition.

- **Lease Issuance:** After we receive the signed bid form and all monies due, we can issue the lease. The lease is effective the first day of the month following the month in which we sign it. (43 CFR 3206.18)

- **Lease terms:** A lease issued as a result of this sale will have a primary term of 10 years. The BLM will extend the primary term of the lease if the requirements found in the



regulations 43 CFR 3207.10 have been met. Annual rental is \$2 per acre for the first year (paid to the BLM), and \$3 per acre for the second through tenth year (paid to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR)). After the tenth year, annual rental will be \$5 per acre. Rental is always due in advance of the lease year. The ONRR must receive annual rental payments by the anniversary date of the lease year, or your lease may be terminated. You will find other lease terms on our standard lease form (Form 3200-024a).

- Split Estate:** Information regarding leasing of Federal minerals under private surface, referred to as “Split Estate,” is available at the following Washington Office website: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/oil-and-gas/leasing/split-estate>. A Split Estate brochure is available at this site. The brochure outlines the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities of private surface owners and geothermal operators in the planning, lease sale, permitting/development, and operations/production phases of the geothermal program.
- Stipulations:** Stipulations are part of the lease and supersede any inconsistent provisions of the lease form. They are requirements or restrictions on how you conduct operations. These stipulations are included in the parcel descriptions on the attached list.

All Federal geothermal lease rights are granted subject to applicable laws under Section 6 of the lease terms including requirements under the Endangered Species Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.* In accordance with Washington Office (WO) Instruction Memorandum (IM) No. 2002-174, each parcel included in this lease sale will be subject to the Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Stipulation. In accordance with WO IM No. 2005-003, Cultural Resources and Tribal Consultation, for Fluid Minerals Leasing, each parcel in this sale will be subject to the Cultural Resource Protection Stipulation.

- Unit and Communitization Agreements:** Parcels offered in this Notice may fall within an authorized Unit or Communitization Agreement. If the parcel falls within an authorized Unit or Communitization Agreement, the successful bidder may be required to join the agreement.

### **How do I file a noncompetitive geothermal offer after the sale?**

Under regulations 43 CFR 3204, lands that do not receive a bid and are available a 2-year period, beginning the first business day after the auction. The noncompetitive offers are handled directly by the BLM and not through the internet leasing website. If you want to file a noncompetitive offer on an unsold parcel, you must file it in the appropriate State Office:

- Two copies of current form 3200-24a, *Offer to Lease and Lease for Geothermal Resources* properly completed and signed. Describe the lands in your offer as specified in our regulations at 43 CFR 3203.

- \$520 nonrefundable administrative fee.
- First year advance rental (\$1 per acre or fraction thereof). Remember to round up any fractional acreage when you calculate the amount of rental; and
- Only one application per parcel may be submitted by the same applicant.

For 30 days after the competitive geothermal lease sale, noncompetitive applications will be accepted only for parcels as configured in the Notice of Competitive Geothermal Lease Sale. Subsequent to the 30-day period, you may file a noncompetitive application for any available lands covered by a competitive lease sale, not to exceed 5,120 acres per lease.

Submit the aforementioned items to the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office Information Access Center (Public Room) in person or by mail. We consider all offers filed the first business day following the last day of the auction, filed at the same time. If a parcel receives more than one offer, we will randomly select an application to determine the winner (43 CFR 1822.17). Offers filed after this time period receive priority according to the date and time of filing in this office.

### **How do I submit a geothermal nomination?**

Geothermal nominations must be submitted on Form 3203-1, *Nomination of Lands for Competitive Geothermal Leasing* to the proper BLM State Office and comply with 43 CFR 3203. Please refer to these regulations for nomination requirements regarding maximum acreage, acceptable land descriptions, and nominating parcels as a block.

Nominations are not automatically placed on a sale when received, and the BLM cannot guarantee that the nominated lands will always be included on a particular sale notice. The parcels must be reviewed for availability, environmental and cultural concerns prior to being placed on a sale. Sale parcels will normally be configured as requested; however, BLM reserves the right to adjust the parcel size and configuration as needed.

Each nomination must be submitted with:

- \$145 nonrefundable administrative fee; and
- \$0.14 per acre Remember to round up any fractional acreage when you calculate the amount of rental.

### **When is the next competitive geothermal lease sale scheduled?**

We have tentatively scheduled our next competitive sale for late in the year 2025, no specific date yet. We can make no guarantee as to when a given parcel will be offered for competitive sale. We will try to put nominations in the earliest possible sale.

### **How can I find out the results of this sale?**

The sale results will be posted on the [www.energynet.com](http://www.energynet.com) website and the NFLSS website at <https://nflss.blm.gov/s/>. Paper copies are available for viewing or purchase at the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office Information Access Center.

### **Who should I contact if I have questions?**

If you have questions on BLM stipulations, lease notices, etc., please contact the appropriate BLM Field Office for assistance.

If you have questions on another surface management agency's stipulations or restrictions, etc., please contact that agency.

For general information about the competitive geothermal lease sale process, or this Notice of Competitive Lease Sale, you may contact Lisa Stone, Land Law Examiner at (503) 808-6515, or by email at [lstone@blm.gov](mailto:lstone@blm.gov).

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
**COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS OR  
GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES LEASE BID**

Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.)  
Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 351-359)  
Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001-1025)  
Department of the Interior Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 1981 (42 U.S.C. 6508)

Geographic State

Date of Sale

THE BID IS FOR (*check one*):

AMOUNT OF TOTAL BID (*see instructions below*)

☐ Oil and Gas Serial/Parcel No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Geothermal Serial/Parcel No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ NPR-A Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF TOTAL BID

PAYMENT SUBMITTED  
WITH BID

☐ Joint Bidders (*see instructions below*)

The appropriate regulations applicable to this bid are: (1) for oil and gas leases—43 CFR 3120; (2) for National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) leases—43 CFR 3132; and (3) for Geothermal resources leases—43 CFR 3203. (*See details concerning lease qualifications on next page.*)

I CERTIFY THAT (1) I have read and am in compliance with; and not in violation of the lessee qualification requirements under the applicable regulations for this bid; (2) this bid is not in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1860, which prohibits unlawful combination or intimidation of bidders; and (3) that this bid was arrived at independently and is tendered without collusion with any other bidder for the purpose of restricting competition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Execution of this form, where the offer is the high bid, constitutes a binding lease offer, including all applicable terms and conditions. Failure to comply with the applicable laws and regulations under which this bid is made will result in rejection of the bid and forfeiture of all monies submitted.

Print or Type Name of Lessee

Signature of Lessee or Bidder

Address of Lessee

(Name of President of Company for Lessee)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

(Name of Vice President of Company for Lessee)

☐ See Attachment for additional principals

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OIL AND GAS OR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES BID  
(*Except NPR-A*)

1. Separate bid form for each lease/parcel or block is required. Identify by the serial/parcel number assigned in the *Notice of Competitive Lease Sale*.
2. Bid must be accompanied by the national minimum acceptable bid (oil and gas: \$10.00 per acre; geothermal: twenty percent of the total bid), the first year's rental (oil and gas: \$3.00 per acre; geothermal: \$2.00 per acre), and the administrative fee (see 43 CFR 3000.12). The remittance must be in the form specified: (1) for oil and gas leases in 43 CFR 3103.1-1; and (2) for geothermal resources leases in 43 CFR 3203.17. The remainder of the bonus bid, if any, must be submitted to the proper Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office within 10 working days for oil and gas, and 15 calendar days for geothermal, after the last day of the competitive auction. **Failure to submit the remainder of the bonus bid within the statutory (or regulatory) timeframe will result in rejection or revocation, as appropriate, of the bid offer and forfeiture of all monies paid.**
3. If the bidder is not the sole party in interest in the lease for which the bid is submitted, all other parties in interest may be required to furnish evidence of their qualifications upon written request by the BLM.
4. This bid may be executed (*signed*) before the competitive auction. If signed before the competitive auction, this form cannot be modified without being executed again. In view of this requirement, the bidder may wish to leave the AMOUNT OF TOTAL BID section blank so that final bid amount may be either completed by the bidder or the BLM at the close of the competitive auction.
5. See 2 CFR 180.995 for the definition of principals.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OIL AND GAS:

NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE--ALASKA (NPR-A)  
SEALED BID

1. Separate bid form for each tract is required.
2. AMOUNT OF TOTAL BID must be in whole dollar figure. Bid must be accompanied by one-fifth of the amount of the bid. The remittance must be in the form specified in 43 CFR 3132 for a NPR-A lease bid.
3. Mark the envelope "Sealed Bid for NPR-A Oil and Gas Lease Sale". Be sure correct tract number on which the bid is submitted and date of bid opening are noted plainly on envelope. Use standard size envelopes not to exceed 4-1/2" x 10-1/2". No bid may be modified or withdrawn unless such modification or withdrawal is received prior to time fixed for opening of bids.
4. Mail or deliver bid to the proper BLM office or place indicated in the *Notice of Competitive Lease Sale*.
5. There is no limit to the number of joint bidders that may participate. If joint bidders is marked above, attach on a separate sheet the name and address of the additional bidders, percent of interest of each bidder (total of all bidders must equal 100%), and signature for each joint bidder.
6. See 2 CFR 180.995 for the definition of principals.

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212 make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any Department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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## QUALIFICATIONS

**For all leases that may be issued:** The bidder/lessee shall comply with the Departments of the Interior's nonprocurement debarment and suspension regulations as required by 2 CFR 1400 subpart B and shall communicate the requirement to comply with these regulations to persons with whom it does business related to this lease by including this term in its contracts and transactions.

**For leases that may be issued as a result of this sale under the Mineral Leasing Act (The Act) of 1920, as amended, the bidder must:** (1) Be a citizen of the United States; an association (*including partnerships and trusts*) of such citizens; a municipality; or a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof; (2) Be in compliance with the acreage limitation requirements wherein the bidder's interests, direct and indirect, in oil and gas leases in the State identified do not exceed 246,080 acres each in public domain or acquired lands including acreage covered by this bid, of which not more than 200,000 acres are under options. If this bid is submitted for lands in Alaska, the bidder's holdings in each of the Alaska leasing districts do not exceed 300,000 acres, of which no more than 200,000 acres are under options in each district; (3) Be in compliance with Federal coal lease holdings as provided in sec. 2(a)(2)(A) of the Act (Title 30 U.S.C. Section 201(a)(2)(A)); (4) Be in compliance with reclamation requirements for all Federal oil and gas holdings as required by sec. 17 of the Act (Title 30 U.S.C. Section 226(g)); (5) Not be in violation of sec. 41 of the Act (Title 30 U.S.C. Section 195)); and (6) Certify that all parties in this bid are in compliance with 43 CFR parts 3000 and 3100 and the leasing authority cited herein.

**For leases that may be issued as a result of this sale under the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, as amended, the bidder must:** (1) Be a citizen of the United States who is at least 18 years of age; an association of such citizens; a municipality; a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof; or a domestic governmental unit; and (2) Be in compliance with the acreage limitation requirements wherein the bidder's interests, direct and indirect, do not exceed 51,200 acres, and (3) Certify that all parties in this bid are in compliance with 43 CFR part 3200 and the leasing authority cited herein.

**For leases that may be issued as a result of this sale under the Department of the Interior Appropriations Act of 1981, the bidder must:** (1) Be a citizen or national of the United States; an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; a private, public or municipal corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof; an association of such citizens, nationals, resident aliens or private, public or municipal corporations; and (2) Certify that all parties in interest in this bid are in compliance with 43 CFR part 3130 and the leasing authority cited herein.

## NOTICES

This form is exempt from the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-13) under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(1).

The Privacy Act of 1974 and the regulations in 43 CFR 2.48(d) provide that you be furnished with the following information in connection with information required by this bid for a competitive oil and gas or geothermal resource lease.

**AUTHORITY:** 30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.; 30 U.S.C 351-359; 30 U.S.C. 1001-1025; 42 U.S.C. 6508.

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** The information is to be used to process your bid.

**ROUTINE USES:** (1) The adjudication of the bidder's rights to resources for which this bid is made. (2) Documentation for public information. (3) Transfer to appropriate Federal agencies when consent or concurrence is required prior to granting a right in public lands or resources. (4)(5) Information from the record and/or the record will be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

**EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:** Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If all the information is not provided, your bid may be rejected.

## Parcels

OR

**OROR106725974 OR-2025-06-0014 1669.62 Acres**

OR, Malheur, Vale District Office, BLM, PD

OR T0180S, R0450E, Willamette

Sec. 27 LOTS 3,5-12;

Sec. 28 LOTS 8;

Sec. 28 W2NW;

Sec. 33 LOTS 2-12;

Sec. 33 NESW, W2SW;

Sec. 34 LOTS 1-12;

Sec. 34 SE

Rental \$3,340.00

100 % US Mineral Interest

1.75 % Royalty Rate

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EOI #OR00018479

**OROR106725975 OR-2025-06-0011 3565.71 Acres Split Estate**

OR, Malheur, Vale District Office, BLM, PD

OR T0190S, R0450E, Willamette

Sec. 2 LOTS 1-4;

Sec. 2 S2N2, S2;

Sec. 3 LOTS 1-4;

Sec. 3 S2N2, S2;

Sec. 4 LOTS 1-4,7;

Sec. 4 LOTS 8;

Sec. 4 S2NE, SE;

Sec. 4 SWNW;

Sec. 9 NENE;

Sec. 10 N2, NESW, SE;

Sec. 11 ALL;

Sec. 12 W2W2;

Sec. 13 W2NW;

Sec. 14 N2;

Sec. 15 NENE

Rental \$7,132.00

100 % US Mineral Interest

1.75 % Royalty Rate

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## **Stipulations**

### **BLM Stipulations CSU**

#### **OR-VDO-07-CSU-Soil Slopes > 30 and < 41 percent**

Controlled Surface Use (CSU) applies to lands with slopes greater than 30 percent and less than 41 percent. An engineering/reclamation plan must be submitted by the applicant and approved by the BLM Authorized Officer before any surface disturbance can occur. The plan must demonstrate to the Authorized Officer's satisfaction how the operator will meet the following performance standards: • Soil stability is maintained preventing slope failure and wind or water erosion. • The site will be stable with no evidence of accelerated erosion features. • The rate of soil erosion will be controlled to maintain or improve soil quality and sustainability. The disturbed soils shall have characteristics that approximate the reference site with regard to quantitative and qualitative soil erosion indicators described in H-7100-1 Soil Inventory, Monitoring, and Management Handbook. • Sufficient topsoil is maintained for ensuring successful final reclamation. How interim reclamation will be completed for producing well locations and long-term roads, including the re-spreading of all salvaged topsoil over the areas of interim reclamation. • The original landform and site productivity will be partially restored during interim reclamation and fully restored as a result of final reclamation. Objective [Purpose]: To maintain soil productivity, provide necessary protection to prevent excessive soil erosion on steep slopes, to avoid areas subject to slope failure, mass wasting, piping, or having excessive reclamation problems, and to ensure successful interim and final reclamation. Exception: An exception may be granted if the operator can demonstrate in a plan of operations that adverse effects can be minimized and activities safely conducted. Modification: The area affected by this stipulation may be modified by the authorized officer if it is determined that portions of the area do not include slopes over 30 percent, or the operator can demonstrate in a plan of operations that adverse effects can be minimized. The authorized officer may modify the size and shape of the restricted area subject to the stipulation based upon a Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) soil survey or BLM evaluation. The stipulation and performance standards identified above may also be modified based on negative or positive monitoring results from similar proposed actions on similar sites or increased national or state performance standards. Waiver: This stipulation can be waived by the authorized officer if it is determined that none of the leasehold includes slopes over 30 percent.

#### **OR-VDO-09-CSU-Soil Severe Erosion**

Controlled Surface Use (CSU) on lands with a severe soil wind or water erosion hazard rating (as designed by NRCS soil survey data when available). Prior to surface disturbance on soils with a severe erosion hazard rating, a site-specific construction, stabilization, and reclamation plan (Plan) must be submitted to the BLM by the applicant as a component of the Geothermal Drilling/Application for Permit to Drill – Plan of Operations. The operator may not initiate surface disturbing activities unless the Authorized Officer has approved the Plan or approved it

with conditions. The plan must demonstrate to the Authorized Officer's satisfaction how the operator will meet the following performance standards: • Soil stability is maintained preventing slope failure and wind or water erosion. • The site will be stable with no evidence of accelerated erosion features. • The rate of soil erosion will be controlled to maintain or improve soil quality and sustainability. The disturbed soils shall have characteristics that approximate the reference site with regard to quantitative and qualitative soil erosion indicators described in H-7100-1 Soil Inventory, Monitoring, and Management Handbook. • Sufficient topsoil is maintained for ensuring successful final reclamation. Interim reclamation will be completed, by re-spreading the topsoil over the areas being reclaimed. • The original landform and site productivity will be partially restored during interim reclamation and fully restored as a result of final reclamation. Objective [Purpose]: To maintain soil productivity, provide necessary protection to prevent excessive soil erosion on steep slopes, to avoid areas subject to slope failure, mass wasting, piping, or having excessive reclamation problems, and ensure successful interim and final reclamation. Exception: The Authorized Officer may grant an exception if a staff review determines that the proposed action is of a scale (pipeline, vs. road, vs. well pad) or sited in a location, or a soil survey determines that the soil properties do not meet the severe erosion hazard criteria so that the proposed action would not result in a failure to meet the performance standards above. Modification: The Authorized Officer may modify the size and shape of the restricted area subject to the stipulation based upon a NRCS soil survey or BLM evaluation. The stipulation and performance standards identified above may also be modified based on negative or positive monitoring results from similar proposed actions on similar sites or increased national or state performance standards. The authorized officer may modify the size and shape of the restricted area subject to the stipulation based upon a NRCS soil survey or BLM evaluation. The stipulation and performance standards identified above may also be modified based on negative or positive monitoring results from similar proposed actions on similar sites or increased national or state performance standards. Waiver: The restriction may be waived if it is determined that the described lands do not include soils with severe erosion hazard. This determination shall be based upon NRCS mapping and BLM evaluation of the area.

#### **BLM Lease Notice LN**

##### **HQ-CR-1-Cultural Resource Protection**

This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized, or mitigated.

##### **HQ-MLA-1-Notice to Lessee Concerning Mineral Leasing Act Section 2(a)(2)(A)**

Provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, affect an entity's qualifications to obtain an oil and gas lease. Section 2(a)(2)(A) of the MLA, 30 U.S.C. 201(a)(2)(A), requires that any entity that holds and has held a Federal Coal Lease for 10 years beginning on or after August 4, 1976, and that is not producing

coal in commercial quantities from each such lease cannot qualify for the issuance of any other lease granted under the MLA. 43 CFR 3472 explains coal lessee compliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A). In accordance with the terms of this oil and gas lease with respect to compliance by the initial lessee with qualifications concerning Federal coal lease holdings, all assignees and transferees are hereby notified that this oil and gas lease is subject to cancellation if: (1) the initial lessee as assignor or as transferor has falsely certified compliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A) because of a denial or disapproval by a State Office of a pending coal action, i.e., arms-length assignment, relinquishment, or logical mining unit; (2) the initial lessee as assignor or as transferor is no longer in compliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A); or (3) the assignee or transferee does not qualify as a bona fide purchaser and, thus, has no rights to bona fide purchaser protection in the event of cancellation of this lease due to noncompliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A). The lease case file, as well as in other Bureau of Land Management (BLM) records available through the State Office issuing this lease, contains information regarding assignor or transferor compliance with Section 2(a)(2)(A).

**HO-TES-1-Threatened and Endangered Species Act**

The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals, or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. The BLM may recommend modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objective to avoid BLM-approved activity that would contribute to a need to list such a species or their habitat. The BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activity that is likely to result in jeopardy to the continued existence of a proposed or listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a designated or proposed critical habitat. The BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activity until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act as amended, 16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq. including completion of any required procedure for conference or consultation.

**OR-V-00-A-LN-Wildland Fire**

The following precautionary measures should be taken to prevent wildland fires. In the event your operations should start a fire, you could be held liable for all suppression costs. ● All vehicles should carry fire extinguishers and a minimum of 10 gallons of water. ● Adequate fire-fighting equipment i.e. shovel, pulaski, extinguisher(s) and a minimum 10 gallons of water should be kept at the drill site(s). ● Vehicle catalytic converters should be inspected often and cleaned of all brush and grass debris. ● When conducting welding operations, they should be conducted in an area free from or mostly free from vegetation. A minimum of 10 gallons water and a shovel should be on hand to extinguish any fires created from the sparks. Extra personnel should be at the welding site to watch for fires created by welding sparks. ● Report wildland fires immediately to the BLM Vale District Dispatch at (541) 473-6374. Helpful information to reported is location (latitude and longitude if possible), what's burning, time started, who/what is near the fire and direction of fire spread. ● When conducting operations during the months of May through September, the operator must contact the BLM Vale District Dispatch at (541) 473-6374 to find out about any fire restrictions in place for the area of operation and to advise this office of approximate beginning and ending dates for your activities. Parcel # Legal Land Description ALL PARCELS

**OR-V-001-A-LN-T&E Sensitive and Special Status Species**

The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals, or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. Surface disturbing activities on all mineral leases are limited to existing roads until sensitive plants and animals appropriate field surveys at appropriate times of year for identification of special status species and their habitats for proposed areas of disturbance. BLM may recommend modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objective to avoid BLM-approved activity that will contribute to a need to list such a species or their habitat. BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activity that is likely to result in jeopardy to the continued existence of a proposed or listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a designated or proposed critical habitat. BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activity that may affect any such species or critical habitat until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act as amended, 16 U.S.C. §1531 et seq., including completion of any required procedure for consultation.

#### **OR-V-002-A-LN-Wild Horses**

Wild horse herds may be known to use some or all of the proposed lease area. If proposed fluid mineral activities are to occur in a herd management area (HMA) or a Herd Area (HA) the BLM Authorized Officer may identify mitigation measures necessary for reducing adverse impacts to wild horses and/or burros. These measures would be designed in a manner that does not hinder the wild and free-roaming behavior of the horses and burros and may include, but are not limited to, providing alternative water sources for horses of equal quality and quantity as well as fencing to prevent access to project area. Additional specific measures to protect horses and burros may be developed during review of proposals.

#### **OR-V-003-A-LN-Migratory Birds**

The Operator is responsible for compliance with provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act by implementing measures to prevent take of migratory birds. Operators should be aware that any ground clearing or other disturbance (such as creating cross-country access to sites, drilling, and/or construction) during the migratory bird (including raptors) nesting season (March 1 -July 31) risks a violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Disturbance to nesting migratory birds should be avoided by conducting surface disturbing activities outside the migratory bird nesting season. If surface disturbing activities must be implemented during the nesting season, a preconstruction survey for nesting migratory birds should be performed by a qualified wildlife biologist, during the breeding season (if work is not completed within a specified time frame, then additional surveys may be needed). If active nests are found, an appropriately-sized no surface disturbance buffer determined in coordination with the BLM biologist should be placed on the active nest until the nesting attempt has been completed. If no active nests are found, construction activities must occur within the survey validity time frame specified in the conditions of approval.

#### **OR-V-004-A-LN-Cultural Resources and Tribal Consultation**

This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, Executive Order 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activities that may affect any

such properties or resources until it completes its obligations (e.g., State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and tribal consultation) under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration or development proposals to protect such properties or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized, or mitigated.

#### **OR-V-005-A-LN-Fossils**

This area may contain vertebrate paleontological resources. Inventory and/or on-site monitoring during disturbance or spot checking may be required of the operator. In the event that previously undiscovered paleontological resources are discovered in the performance of any surface disturbing activities, the item(s) or condition(s) will be left intact and immediately brought to the attention of the authorized officer of the BLM. Operations within 250 feet of any such discovery will not be resumed until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. The lessee will bear the cost of any required paleontological appraisals, surface collection of fossils, or salvage of any large conspicuous fossils of significant scientific interest discovered during the operations.

#### **OR-V-006-A-LN-Water**

The Operator is responsible for compliance with provisions of the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and applicable State laws and regulations regarding protection of state water resources. Operators should contact Oregon Water Resources Department and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality regarding necessary permits and compliance measures for any construction or other activities.

#### **OR-V-007-A-LN-Mining Claims**

This parcel may contain existing mining claims and/or mill sites located under the 1872 Mining Law. To the extent it does, the lessee must conduct its operations, so far as reasonably practicable, to avoid damage to any known deposit of any mineral for which any mining claim on this parcel is located, and should not endanger or unreasonably or materially interfere with the mining claimant's operations, including any existing surface or underground improvements, workings, or facilities which may have been made for the purpose of mining operations. The provisions of the Multiple Mineral Development Act (30 U.S.C. 521 et seq.) shall apply on the leased lands.

#### **OR-V-008-A-LN-Oil and Gas Leases**

This parcel may contain existing oil and gas leases governed primarily by the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 and the regulations found in 43 CFR 3100. The lessee accepts this lease subject to the right of holders of the oil and gas lease(s). Any subsequent development must not unduly interfere with any existing authorized uses per the Multiple Mineral Development Act of 1954. The principal of “first in time” applies, and would have the senior right and land use, that any subsequent development must avoid interference with. For more information regarding the status of the oil and gas leases, please contact Greta Krost, OR-WA BLM Geologist, at [gkrost@blm.gov](mailto:gkrost@blm.gov).

#### **OR-VDO-05-LN- Existing Right of Way**

This parcel contains one or more existing Rights of Way (ROW). For more information regarding these ROWs, please contact Shelli Pence, Land Law Examiner, at [spence@blm.gov](mailto:spence@blm.gov). The lessee accepts this lease subject to the right of individuals, authorized by Bureau of Land



Management District Office, to access, operate within, and maintain the ROW as described in case file(s) (see below) The lessee agrees that its operations will not interfere with the use of the ROW(s) by these individuals.

**OR-VDO-06-LN-Saleable Minerals: Community Pits**

The lessee accepts this lease subject to the right of individuals, authorized by Bureau of Land Management District Office, to remove sand and gravel from the land embraced in Community Pit No. (see below) The lessee agrees that its operations will not interfere with the use of the pit(s) by these individuals.

**BLM Stipulation NSO**

**OR-VDO-01-NSO-Areas of Critical Environmental Concern**

No Surface Occupancy (NSO) within the boundaries of designated Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) and/or Research Natural Areas (RNAs). Objective [Purpose]: To protect areas where relevance and importance resource values are met and special management attention is required to protect the values identified. Exception: The Authorized Officer may grant an exception if an environmental review determines that the significant resource values identified for protection through designation of the specific ACEC/RNA are determined to be no longer important and relevant. Additionally, the Authorized Officer may grant an exception if the action, as proposed or otherwise restricted, does not affect the ACEC/RNA's relevant and important values. An exception may also be granted if the proponent, BLM, and other affected interests (e.g. SHPO, ODFW) negotiate mitigation that would satisfactorily offset the anticipated negative impacts. Modification: The Authorized Officer may modify the size and shape of the restricted area if an environmental analysis indicates the actual suitability of the land for the resource in question differs from that in the otherwise applicable restriction. Modifications may be made to allow for an increasing level of environmental protection when changing circumstances warrant stronger measures. Waiver: The restriction may be waived by the Authorized Officer if it is determines that the significant resource values identified for protection through designation of the specific ACEC/RNA are determined to be no longer important and relevant.

**OR-VDO-02-NSO-Trails**

No Surface Occupancy (NSO) will be applied directly on National Scenic and Historic Trails and Trails under Study or Recommended as Suitable for Congressional Designation and within National Trail Management Corridors. NSO may be applied to additional bordering lands; the extent will be dependent upon the topography and integrity of the setting surrounding individual trail segments along the designated NHT and National Historic Trail Corridor. Prior to the establishment of a National Trail Management Corridor, at a minimum, NSO will be applied 1/4-mile on either side of the center line of the trail (for a total of a 1/2-mile-wide corridor). The center line will be established either through the GIS-based line provided by the Trail Administering Agency (NPS or BLM) or through GPS-based inventories. Objective [Purpose]: To protect the National Scenic and Historic Trails and Trails under Study or Recommended as Suitable for Congressional Designation, and National Trail Management Corridor resources, qualities, values, and associated settings. Exception: The Authorized Officer may grant an exception if, through the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and Management of National Scenic and Historic Trails and Trails Under Study or Recommended as Suitable for

Congressional Designation Manual 6280 requirements, it is determined that the action, as proposed or otherwise restricted, does not adversely affect the resource. An exception may be granted for actions designed to enhance the long-term utility or availability of the trail.

Modification: The Authorized Officer may modify the size and shape of the restricted area if the NHPA and Management of National Scenic and Historic Trails and Trails under Study or Recommended as Suitable for Congressional Designation Manual 6280 requirements indicate the proposed action does not adversely impact the resource. Waiver: The restriction may be waived if the NHPA and Management of National Scenic and Historic Trails and Trails under Study or Recommended as Suitable for Congressional Designation Manual 6280 requirements determine that the described lands are not contributing elements to the resource. This determination can only come after consultation with the National Park Service, Oregon State Historic Preservation Office and other interested publics.

**OR-VDO-08-NSO-Soil Slopes >40 percent**

No Surface Occupancy (NSO) on slopes greater than 40 percent. Objective [Purpose]: To maintain soil productivity, provide necessary protection to prevent excessive soil erosion on steep slopes, to avoid areas subject to slope failure, mass wasting, piping, or having excessive reclamation problems. Exception: The Authorized Officer may grant an exception if a staff review determines that the proposed action is of a scale (pipeline, vs. road, vs. well pad) or sited in a location or a site specific evaluation determines that the slope would not result in mass slope failure or accelerated erosion and the operator would be able to meet BLM's reclamation standards. Modification: The Authorized Officer may modify the area subject to the stipulation based upon a BLM evaluation of the area. The stipulation and performance standards identified above may also be modified based on negative or positive monitoring results from similar proposed actions on similar sites or increased national or state performance standards. Waiver: The restriction may be waived if it is determined that the described lands do not include lands with slopes greater than 40 percent. This determination shall be based upon USGS mapping and a BLM evaluation of the area.

**BLM Stipulation TL**

**OR-VDO-03-TL-Pronghorn Antelope Seasonal Habitat**

Timing Limitation (TL) -No surface activity within Pronghorn Antelope crucial winter habitat from December 1 through March 1. Objective [Purpose]: To protect Pronghorn Antelope crucial winter habitat necessary to maintaining the critical life stages of Pronghorn wildlife populations. Exception: The Authorized Officer may grant an exception if an environmental review determines that the action, as proposed or otherwise restricted, does not adversely affect the Pronghorn Antelope and its habitat. An exception may also be granted if the proponent, BLM, and other affected interests negotiate mitigation that would satisfactorily offset the anticipated impacts to Pronghorn Antelope and its habitat. An exception may be granted for actions designed to enhance the long-term utility or availability of the habitat. Modification: The boundaries of the stipulated area may be modified if the authorized officer, in consultation with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, determines that portions of the area no longer contain the winter pronghorn habitat or that the proposed action would not affect the species and habitat. The dates for the timing restriction may also be modified by the Authorized Officer if new information indicates the dates are not valid for the leasehold. Waiver: The restriction may be



waived by the Authorized Officer if it is determined that the described lands do not contain suitable pronghorn habitat, or are otherwise incapable of serving the requirements of for the species and therefore no longer warrant consideration as a component necessary for their protection.

**OR-VDO-04-TL-Mule Deer Seasonal Habitat**

Timing Limitation (TL) -No surface activity within winter habitat from December 1 through March 1. Objective [Purpose]: To protect mule deer winter habitat necessary to maintaining the critical life stages of Mule Deer wildlife populations. Exception: The Authorized Officer may grant an exception if an environmental review determines that the action, as proposed or otherwise restricted, does not adversely affect the Mule Deer and its habitat. An exception may also be granted if the proponent, BLM, and other affected interests negotiate mitigation that would satisfactorily offset the anticipated impacts the Mule Deer and its habitat. An exception may be granted for actions designed to enhance the long-term utility or availability of the habitat. Modification: The boundaries of the stipulated area may be modified if the authorized officer, in consultation with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, determines that portions of the area no longer contain the winter mule deer habitat or that the proposed action would not affect the species and habitat. The dates for the timing restriction may also be modified by the Authorized Officer if new information indicates the dates are not valid for the leasehold. Waiver: The restriction may be waived by the Authorized Officer if it is determined that the described lands do not contain suitable Mule Deer habitat or are otherwise incapable of serving the requirements of for the species and therefore no longer warrant consideration as a component necessary for their protection.