

# Mission and Management Area

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## Federal Minerals

- ~ Leasing
- ~ Permitting
- ~ Regulatory Compliance
- ~ Production Accountability
- ~ Split-Estate

**7.4 million acres of Federal surface and sub-surface spread across 436 counties.**

## Indian Trust

- ~ Permitting
- ~ Regulatory Compliance
- ~ Production Accountability
- ~ Technical Assistance

**500,000 acres of Indian leases in Oklahoma and Texas.**

## Wild Horses & Burros

- ~ Adoptions
- ~ Compliance
- ~ Long-Term Holding

**18 long-term pasture contracts covering 266,401 acres in Kansas and Oklahoma.**

## Other Mineral and Trust Management Agencies

### Office of Natural Resources Revenue

*onr.gov*

### Office of Surface Mining

*osmre.gov*

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

*bia.gov*

### Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians

*doi.gov/ost*

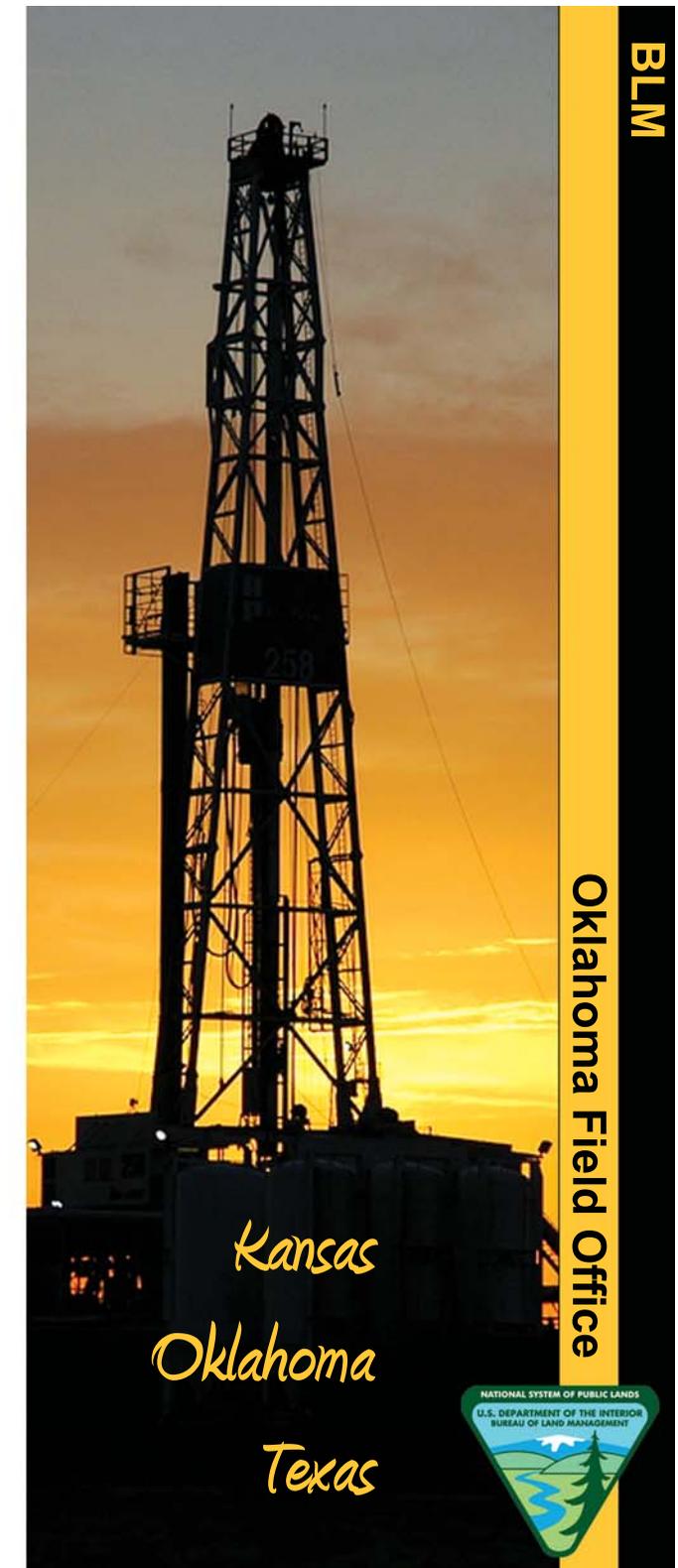
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### Bureau of Land Management

*blm.gov*

#### Onshore Oil and Gas Orders And Notices to Lessees (partial list)

43 CFR 3160 Onshore Oil and Gas Operations  
Order #1 Approval of Operations (APDs)  
Order #2 Drilling Operations  
Order #3 Site Security  
Order #4 Measurement of Oil  
Order #5 Measurement of Gas  
Order #6 Hydrogen Sulfide Operations  
Order #7 Disposal of Produced Water  
NTL-3A Reporting Undesirable Events  
NTL-4A Royalty or Compensation for Oil and Gas Lost (Venting/Flaring)



# Federal Minerals

**Leasing** ~ The Oklahoma Field Office's (OFO) involvement in the mineral leasing process includes adjudication of nominated parcels, valuation of mineral estate and analysis of environmental impact.

**Permitting** ~ The OFO staff of engineers, geologists, environmental specialists and other professionals processes over a hundred Applications for Permit to Drill each year. The OFO also reviews and approves mining and exploration plans for solid minerals such as coal. This involves analyzing operators' proposed actions against applicable laws, regulations and lease terms. Major emphasis is placed on ensuring that operations are carried out in the most environmentally responsible way. Mitigation measures and remediation plans are included in the conditions of approval.

**Compliance** ~ The OFO is responsible for ensuring development of Federal minerals occurs according to lease terms and conditions, approved plans and existing laws and regulations. Inspections are done for environmental compliance and production accountability. Staff may also become involved in investigations relating to undesirable events, such as spills or loss of production. Inspection and enforcement staff will help determine causes and propose or mandate certain remedial actions.

**Production Accountability** ~ OFO staff inspect production facilities, equipment and production records to ensure that Federal interests are protected. Federal oil and gas production in the OFO jurisdiction yields roughly \$25 million in royalties annually.

**Split-Estate** ~ Much of the OFO's management responsibility occurs in a split-estate environment. In some cases, even the subsurface estate is segregated (as in Federal coal and private coal-bed natural gas in the same stratum). Complexity of ownership can cause uncertainty as to the need for Federal permits, leading to resource conflicts and complicating production accountability.



# Indian Trust



**Indian Trust** ~ The OFO's Trust responsibility to individual Indian mineral owners mirrors that for Federal minerals. With the exception of issuing Indian leases (which is handled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs), the OFO performs all of the same regulatory functions: Permitting; Compliance; and Production Accountability. As with Federal minerals, much of this Trust responsibility is carried out in a split-estate environment.

**Technical Guidance and Support** ~ The OFO supports thousands of individual Indian mineral owners by providing engineering and environmental support to other Trust management agencies and 40+ Federally recognized tribal entities.

# Wild Horses & Burros

**Adoptions** ~ The OFO administers a wild horse and burro adoption program for a four-state region: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. A nine-person crew conducts 12-15 adoptions per year at various locations throughout the region, resulting in nearly 600 animals per year. The OFO manages an adoption corral in Pauls Valley, Okla., which serves as a regional hub for its operations. The adoption program supports BLM's larger purpose to manage wild horse and burro herds on western rangelands.

**Compliance** ~ OFO staff conduct routine inspections to ensure adopted animals are properly cared for, and processes title applications for adopters who have fulfilled their contractual obligations.

**Long-Term Pastures** ~ The OFO supports the Wild Horse and Burro National Program Office by overseeing 18 long-term holding pastures in its jurisdiction where "unadoptable" horses are held for life or until sold.

**Partnerships** ~ The OFO supports regional and national efforts by the Mustang Heritage Foundation to highlight the adoptability of wild horses, through events like the Extreme Mustang Makeover and Trainer Incentive Program. ~ The OFO partners with a state correctional facility in Hutchinson, Kansas, to train and adopt wild horses. ~ Through the prison program, the OFO adopts horses to the U.S. Border Patrol which uses them to protect America's borders.

