

Rights of Way

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Bureau of Land Management
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Dear Right-of-Way Holder:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently published (73 FR 65040) new right-of-way regulations (43 CFR Parts 2800, 2880, and 2920) that became effective on December 1, 2008. The regulations established a new rent schedule for use in Alaska to determine rental bills for linear right-of-way facilities such as electric transmission lines, telephone lines, and oil and gas pipelines. Prior to the adoption of the national rent schedule, rentals for small non-complex rights-of-way in remote areas in Alaska were determined by a minimum rental schedule. All other rentals in Alaska for linear rights-of-way were determined by appraisal every 5 years.

The linear right-of-way schedule is based on current land values from information published every 5 years by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Census. Five undefined areas covering the state of Alaska are included in the NASS Census. In the final rule, the BLM applied the 2002 NASS Census data for Alaska (for use in calendar years 2009 and 2010) to the geographical and administrative areas as follows:

- Aleutian Islands Area – all lands within the Aleutian Islands Chain – Zone 1
- Fairbanks Area – all lands within the BLM Fairbanks District boundaries – Zone 3
- Kenai Peninsula Area – all lands within the BLM Anchorage District boundaries excluding the Aleutian Islands Chain, the Anchorage Area, and the Juneau Area – Zone 4
- Anchorage Area – all lands within the Municipality of Anchorage – Zone 5
- Juneau Area - all lands within downtown Juneau (Juneau voting precincts 1, 2, and 3) – Zone 11

Our records indicate that you are the holder of a right-of-way grant for a linear facility that is subject to periodic rental payments. The purpose of this mailing is to inform you of what you can expect regarding any rental payments for linear right-of-way grants that may be due for 2010 through 2015 and where to go for additional information. Briefly, we want you to be aware that:

- The 25% phase-in reduction that was applied to all 2009 bills will not apply to rental bills due in calendar years 2010 and beyond.
- Rental zones will adjust upward by 1.9% each year through 2015.



- The 2007 NASS Census data (released to the public by NASS in February 2009) will be used to establish rental zones on the linear rent schedule for calendar years 2011 through 2015. Based on the 2007 NASS Census, all rental zones for the Alaska areas described previously will remain the same for calendar years 2011 through 2015 with the exception that the rental zone for the Anchorage Area increases from Zone 5 to Zone 6.

These changes will impact the annual per acre rent values for the Alaska areas as shown in the table and may in turn influence the rental payment periods that holders could pay for bills due on January 1, 2010. The BLM will assume that the holder prefers the minimum allowable rental payment period provided by the new regulations in 2010 [either annual (if annual rent is greater than \$100 for an individual or greater than \$500 for a non-individual) or 10-year periods if annual rent is \$100 or less for individuals or \$500 or less for non-individuals)]. However, in lieu of the minimum rent payment periods, holders may pay at 10-year intervals not to exceed the term of the grant. But to do so, holders must make written notification (e-mail notification is acceptable) to the BLM Field Office that issues your bills. This notification must occur at least 3 months prior to the bill due date (by October 1, 2009 for bills due on January 1, 2010).

Alaska NASS Census Area	2009 Per Acre Rent	2010 Per Acre Rent	2011 Per Acre Rent	2012 Per Acre Rent	2013 Per Acre Rent	2014 Per Acre Rent	2015 Per Acre Rent
Aleutian Islands	\$5.78	\$7.85	\$8.00	\$8.15	\$8.30	\$8.46	\$8.62
Fairbanks	\$23.10	\$31.39	\$31.99	\$32.59	\$33.21	\$33.84	\$34.49
Kenai Peninsula	\$34.66	\$47.08	\$47.98	\$48.89	\$49.82	\$50.76	\$51.73
Anchorage	\$46.21	\$62.78	\$95.96	\$97.78	\$99.64	\$101.53	\$103.46
Juneau	\$1,155.13	\$1,569.43	\$1,599.25	\$1,629.64	\$1,660.60	\$1,692.15	\$1,724.30

If you have additional questions, please contact Bil Weigand at 208-373-3862, bil_weigand@blm.gov, or visit the BLM's Internet site at <http://www.blm.gov/lr2000/rent.htm>.

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