

BLM Wyoming Mineral Materials in Wyoming

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The Materials Act of July 31, 1947 grants BLM authority for the disposal of mineral materials. These mineral materials include common varieties of sand, gravel, stone, pumice, pumicite, cinders, clay, and other mineral materials and petrified wood. These materials are made available to the public through sales and free use permits. All permits and contracts are conditioned to prevent unnecessary and undue degradation of public lands.

Sale contracts and free use permits are issued out of BLM field offices in Wyoming. To obtain a contract or permit, contact the appropriate field office listed on the attached sheet. The permittee is responsible for obtaining required Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality permits. Agreements for access across private lands, if necessary, are also the responsibility of the permittee.

SALE CONTRACTS

Mineral materials may be sold from the public lands at not less than fair market value. Quantities up to 100,000 cubic yards in any one sale and 200,000 cubic yards made for the benefit of any one individual, partnership, or corporation in any period of 12 consecutive months are available non-competitively. Disposal of quantities larger than the above are made through a competitive bidding procedure.

FREE USE PERMITS

Free use permits can be issued to governmental units and to nonprofit organizations and corporations. There is no limit as to the number of permits or the value of material permitted to governmental units as long as the material will be used for a public project. Nonprofit organizations can receive up to 5,000 cubic yards of material in any period of 12 consecutive months.

PETRIFIED WOOD

Public lands are open for noncommercial collection and removal of petrified wood unless specially designated as closed by Federal Register notice. The amounts collected for non-commercial purposes are limited. The maximum quantity that any one person is allowed to remove per day without permit is 25 pounds plus one piece. There is a maximum of 250 pounds per person in any calendar year. In addition, pieces over 250 pounds in weight may not be removed without permit. Commercial quantities of petrified wood may be purchased under mineral material sale contracts. At the present time, the Rock Springs Field Office is not authorizing commercial removal of petrified wood.

