

§ 3505.12

APPLYING FOR PROSPECTING PERMITS

§ 3505.12 How do I obtain a prospecting permit?

Deliver 3 copies of the BLM application form to the BLM office with jurisdiction over the lands you are interested in. Include the first year's rental with your application. You will also be charged a processing fee, which BLM will determine on a case-by-case basis as described in §3000.11 of this chapter. For more information on fees and rentals, see subpart 3504 of this part.

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§ 3505.13 What must my application include?

Your application must be legible and dated. It must contain your or your agent's original signature. It must also include:

- (a) Your name and address;
- (b) A statement of your qualifications and holdings (see subpart 3502 of this part);
- (c) A complete and accurate land description (see subpart 3503 of this part);
- (d) Three copies of any maps needed to accompany the description; and
- (e) The name of all the commodities for which you are applying.

§ 3505.15 Is there an acreage limit for my application?

The acreage in your application must not exceed the maximum allowed for the permit. See §3503.37 of this part for the acreage limits applicable for the different minerals. BLM will not issue a permit if it causes you to exceed the limits shown in the table in that section.

§ 3505.25 How does BLM prioritize applications for prospecting permits?

BLM will prioritize applications based on the time of filing. If more than one application is filed at the same time for the same commodity on the same lands, we will hold a public drawing in accordance with subpart 1821 of this title to determine priority.

§ 3505.30 May I amend or change my application after I file it?

Yes. However, if your amendment adds lands, we will assign priority to those added lands from the date you

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filed the amended application. You must include the rental for any added lands and the processing fee for prospecting permit application amendments found in the fee schedule in §3000.12 of this chapter with your amended application.

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§ 3505.31 May I withdraw my application after I file it?

Yes. Just send us a written request. If you withdraw your application in whole or in part before BLM signs the permit, we will refund the corresponding proportionate share of your rental payment. BLM will retain any fees already paid for processing the application.

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§ 3505.40 After submitting my application, do I need to submit anything else?

Yes. After we initially review your permit application, but before we issue the prospecting permit, we will require you to submit three copies of an exploration plan under §3505.45 of this part. You must also submit a bond. See 43 CFR part 3504, especially 43 CFR 3504.50, for information on bonds.

§ 3505.45 What is an exploration plan?

An exploration plan shows how you intend to determine the existence and workability of a valuable deposit. Your exploration plan must include as much of the following information as possible:

(a) The names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons responsible for operations under your plan and to whom BLM will deliver notices and orders;

(b) A brief description of the environment your plan may affect. Focus on the affected geologic, water and other physical factors, and the distribution and abundance of vegetation and habitat of fish and wildlife, particularly threatened and endangered species. Include maps with your descriptions, and discuss the present land use in and adjacent to the area;

(c) A narrative description showing: