

and the public to identify resource-related issues, concerns, and needs. The process results in a resource management plan or plan amendment, which addresses to what extent you may use public lands and resources for specific purposes.

(b) When determining which lands may be suitable for right-of-way corridors, the factors BLM considers include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Federal, state, and local land use plans, and applicable Federal, state, local, and tribal laws;

(2) Environmental impacts on cultural resources and natural resources, including air, water, soil, fish, wildlife, and vegetation;

(3) Physical effects and constraints on corridor placement due to geology, hydrology, meteorology, soil, or land forms;

(4) Costs of construction, operation, and maintenance and costs of modifying or relocating existing facilities in a proposed right-of-way corridor (i.e., the economic efficiency of placing a right-of-way within a proposed corridor);

(5) Risks to national security;

(6) Potential health and safety hazards imposed on the public by facilities or activities located within the proposed right-of-way corridor;

(7) Social and economic impacts of the right-of-way corridor on public land users, adjacent landowners, and other groups or individuals;

(8) Transportation and utility corridor studies previously developed by user groups; and

(9) Engineering and technological compatibility of proposed and existing facilities.

(c) BLM may designate any transportation and utility corridor existing prior to October 21, 1976, as a transportation and utility corridor without further review.

(d) The resource management plan or plan amendment may also identify areas where BLM will not allow right-of-way corridors for environmental, safety, or other reasons.

### Subpart 2803—Qualifications for Holding FLPMA Grants

#### § 2803.10 Who may hold a grant?

To hold a grant under these regulations, you must be:

(a) An individual, association, corporation, partnership, or similar business entity, or a Federal agency or state, tribal, or local government;

(b) Technically and financially able to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate the use of the public lands you are applying for; and

(c) Of legal age and authorized to do business in the state where the right-of-way you seek is located.

#### § 2803.11 Can another person act on my behalf?

Another person may act on your behalf if you have authorized the person to do so under the laws of the state where the right-of-way is or will be located.

#### § 2803.12 What happens to my application or grant if I die?

(a) If an applicant or grant holder dies, any inheritable interest in an application or grant will be distributed under state law.

(b) If the distributee of a grant is not qualified to hold a grant under § 2803.10 of this subpart, BLM will recognize the distributee as grant holder and allow the distributee to hold its interest in the grant for up to two years. During that period, the distributee must either become qualified or divest itself of the interest.

### Subpart 2804—Applying for FLPMA Grants

#### § 2804.10 What should I do before I file my application?

(a) Before filing an application with BLM, we encourage you to make an appointment for a preapplication meeting with the appropriate personnel in the BLM field office having jurisdiction over the lands you seek to use. During the preapplication meeting, BLM can:

(1) Identify potential routing and other constraints;