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§ 1822.14 What if I try to file a required document on the last day of the stated period for filing, but the BLM office where it is to be filed is officially closed all day?

BLM considers the document timely filed if we receive it in the office on the next day it is officially open.

§ 1822.15 If I miss filing a required document or payment within the specified period, can BLM consider it timely filed anyway?

BLM may consider it timely filed if:

- (a) The law does not prohibit BLM from doing so;
- (b) No other BLM regulation prohibits doing so; and
- (c) No intervening third party interests or rights have been created or established during the intervening period.

§ 1822.16 Where do I file an application that involves lands under the jurisdiction of more than one BLM State Office?

You may file your application with any BLM State Office having jurisdiction over the subject lands. You should consult the regulations of the particular BLM resource program involved for more specific information.

§ 1822.17 When are documents considered filed simultaneously?

(a) BLM considers two or more documents simultaneously filed when:

- (1) They are received at the appropriate BLM office on the same day and time; or
- (2) They are filed in conjunction with an order that specifies that documents received by the appropriate office during a specified period of time will be considered as simultaneously filed.

(b) An application or document that arrives at the BLM office where it is to be filed when the office is closed for the entire day will be considered as filed on the day and hour the office next officially opens.

(c) Nothing in this provision will deny any preference right granted by applicable law or regulation or validate a document which is invalid under applicable law or regulation.

§ 1822.18 How does BLM decide in which order to accept documents that are simultaneously filed?

BLM makes this decision by a drawing open to the public.

Subpart 1823—Payments and Refunds

§ 1823.10 How may I make my payments to BLM?

Unless specific regulations provide otherwise, you may pay by:

- (a) United States currency; or
- (b) Checks, money orders, or bank drafts made payable to the Bureau of Land Management; or
- (c) Visa or Master Card credit charge, except as specified by pertinent regulation(s).

§ 1823.11 What is the authority for BLM issuing a refund of a payment?

BLM can issue you a refund under the authority of section 304(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U.S.C. 1734.

§ 1823.12 When and how may I obtain a refund?

(a) In making a payment to BLM, if the funds or fees you submitted to BLM exceed the amount required or if the regulations provide that fees submitted to BLM must be returned in certain situations, you may be entitled to a full or partial refund.

(b) If you believe you are due a refund, you may request it from the BLM office where you previously submitted your payment. You should state the reasons you believe you are entitled to a refund and include a copy of the appropriate receipt, canceled check, or other relevant documents.

§ 1823.13 Is additional documentation needed when a third party requests a refund?

Yes. When refund requests are made by heirs, executors, administrators, assignees, or mortgagees, BLM may require additional documentation sufficient to establish your entitlement to a refund. If you are an heir, executor, administrator, assignee or mortgagee, you should contact the BLM office

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where you will file your refund application for information regarding appropriate documentation.

Subpart 1824—Publication and posting of notices

§ 1824.10 What is publication?

Publication means publishing a notice announcing an event or a proposed action in the FEDERAL REGISTER, a local newspaper of established character and general circulation in the vicinity of the land affected or other appropriate periodical. BLM's purpose in publishing or requiring the publication of such information is to advise you and other interested parties that some action will occur and that the public is invited either to participate or to comment.

§ 1824.11 How does BLM choose a newspaper in which to publish a notice?

BLM bases its choice of newspapers on their reputation and frequency and level of circulation in the vicinity of the public or private lands involved.

§ 1824.12 How many times must BLM publish a notice?

The number of times that BLM will publish or cause to be published a notice depends on the publication requirements for the particular action involved. You should see the applicable law and the regulations governing specific BLM resource programs for information on the requirements for publication for a particular action.

§ 1824.13 Who pays for publication?

The cost of publication is the responsibility of the claimant or applicant.

§ 1824.14 Does the claimant or applicant pay for an error by the printer of the paper in which the notice appears?

No. The claimant or applicant is not responsible for costs involved in correcting an error by the printer.

§ 1824.15 What does it mean to post a notice?

Posting a notice is similar to publishing a notice except that the notice is displayed at the appropriate BLM of-

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fice, local courthouse or similar prominent local government building or on a prominent fixture such as a building, tree or post located on the particular public lands involved.

§ 1824.16 Why must I post a notice?

The posting of a notice informs those persons who may be interested in the lands or resources described, who have relevant information to provide, or who may wish to oppose the proposal.

§ 1824.17 If I must post a notice on the land, what are the requirements?

The posted notice must be visible throughout the time period for posting specified in the regulations governing the relevant program. BLM or its regulations may require additional posting, such as in a post office or city hall. For any additional posting requirements, you should see applicable Federal and State law, the regulations of the particular BLM resource program and any additional BLM requirements associated with your application.

Subpart 1825—Relinquishments

§ 1825.10 If I relinquish my interest (such as a claim or lease) in public lands, am I relieved of all further responsibility associated with that interest?

No. You are still responsible for fulfilling any regulatory, statutory, lease, permit and other contractual obligations that apply, such as performance of reclamation and payment of rentals accruing before the time of relinquishment. You should see the regulations relating to the specific BLM resource program involved for more detailed information.

§ 1825.11 When are relinquishments effective?

Generally, BLM considers a relinquishment to be effective when it is received, along with any required fee, in the BLM office having jurisdiction of the lands being relinquished. However, the specific program regulations govern effectiveness of relinquishments.