§ 2091.3 Segregation and opening resulting from a proposal or application.

§ 2091.3–1 Segregation.

(a) If a proposal is made to exchange public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management or lands re- served from the public domain for National Forest System purposes, such lands may be segregated by a notation on the public land records for a period not to exceed 5 years from the date of notation (See 43 CFR 2201.1–2 and 36 CFR 254.6).

(b) The filing of an application for lands for selection by a State (exclusive of Alaska) segregates the lands included in the application for a period of 2 years from the date the application is filed. (See subparts 2621 and 2622)

(c) The filing of an application and publication of the notice of the filing of an application in the Federal Register for the purchase of Federally-owned mineral interests under section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1719) segregates the lands for a period of 2 years from the date of the publication of the notice of filing of the application with the authorized officer. (See part 2720)

(d) The filing of an application for an airport lease under the Act of May 24, 1928, as amended (49 U.S.C. Appendix 211–213), or the filing of a request for an airport conveyance under the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (49 U.S.C. 2215), segregates the lands as of the date of filing with the authorized officer. (See part 2640 and subpart 2911)

(e)(1) The Bureau of Land Management may segregate, if it finds it necessary for the orderly administration of the public lands, lands included in a right-of-way application under 43 CFR subpart 2804 for the generation of electrical energy from wind or solar sources. In addition, the Bureau of Land Management may also segregate lands that it identifies for potential rights-of-way for electricity generation from wind or solar sources when initiating a competitive process for solar or wind development on particular lands. Upon segregation, such lands will not be subject to appropriation under the public land laws, including location under the Mining Law of 1872 (30 U.S.C. 22 et seq.), but would remain open under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) or the Materials Act of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 601 et seq.). The BLM will effect a segregation by publishing a Federal Register notice that includes a description of the lands being segregated. The BLM may effect segregation in this way for both pending and new right-of-way applications.

(2) The effective date of segregation is the date of publication of the notice in the Federal Register. The segregation terminates consistent with subpart 2091.3–2 and the lands automatically open on the date that is the earliest of the following:

(i) When the BLM issues a decision granting, granting with modifications, or denying the application for a right-of-way;

(ii) Automatically at the end of the segregation period stated in the Federal Register notice initiating the segregation, or

(iii) Upon publication of a Federal Register notice terminating the segregation and opening the lands in question.

(3) The segregation period may not exceed 2 years from the date of publication in the Federal Register of the notice initiating the segregation, unless the State Director determines and documents in writing, prior to the expiration of the segregation period, that an extension is necessary for the orderly administration of the public lands. If the State Director determines an extension is necessary, the Bureau of Land Management will extend the segregation for up to 2 years by publishing a notice in the Federal Register, prior to the expiration of the
initial segregation period. Segregations under this part may only be extended once and the total segregation period may not exceed 4 years.


§ 2091.3–2 Opening.

(a) If a proposal or an application described in §2091.3–1 of this part is not denied, modified, or otherwise terminated prior to the end of the segregative periods set out in §2091.3–1 of this part, the segregative effect of the proposal or application automatically terminates upon the occurrence of either of the following events, whichever occurs first:

(1) Issuance of a patent or other document of conveyance to the affected lands; or

(2) The expiration of the applicable segregation period set out in §2091.3–1 of this part.

(b) If the proposal or application described in §2091.3–1 of this part is denied, modified, or otherwise terminated prior to the end of the segregation periods, the lands shall be opened promptly by publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of an opening order specifying the date and time of opening.

(c) Subject to valid existing rights, non-Federal lands acquired through exchange by the United States shall be segregated automatically from appropriation under the public land laws and mineral laws for 90 days after acceptance of title by the United States, and the public land records shall be noted accordingly. Except to the extent otherwise provided by law, the lands shall be open to the operation of the public land laws and mineral laws at midnight 90 days after the day title was accepted unless otherwise segregated pursuant to part 2300 of this title. (See 43 CFR 2201.9(b))

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§ 2091.4 Segregation and opening resulting from the allowance of entries, leases, grants or contracts.

§ 2091.4–1 Segregation and opening: Desert-land entries and Indian allotments.

(a) Lands covered by an application for a desert land entry or Indian allotment become segregated on the date of allowance or approval of entry or allotment by the authorized officer. (See parts 2520 and 2530).

(b) If an entry or allotment is cancelled or relinquished, the lands become open to the operation of the public land laws by publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of an opening order which specifies the date and time of opening. (See parts 2520 and 2530).

§ 2091.4–2 Segregation and opening: Airport leases and grants.

(a) The issuance of a lease for airport purposes under the authority of the Act of May 24, 1928 or a patent or document of conveyance for airport and airway purposes under the authority of the Act of September 3, 1982, as amended (49 U.S.C. 2215), continues to segregate the lands. (See part 2640 and subpart 2911)

(b) If an airport lease is terminated, the lands are opened by publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of an opening order which specifies the date and time of opening.

(c) The lands covered by an airport lease or grant remain open to the operation of the mineral leasing laws, the material disposal laws and the Geothermal Steam Act, but are segregated from the operation of the mining laws pending the issuance of such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe (See part 2640 and subpart 2911).

§ 2091.4–3 Segregation and opening: Carey Act.

(a) For lands covered by a Carey Act grant, publication of a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER that a contract has been signed segregates the lands described in the contract, as of the date of publication of a 10 year period, from operation of the public land laws and the mineral laws as described in the notice. (See part 2610).