

UNITED STATES  
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
 FOREST SERVICE

FORM APPROVED  
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**NOTICE OF INTENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT  
 OIL AND GAS GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS**

NOI Case File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Lessee or Operator		Project Name	
Address		Do you have a bond on file with the Agency?    Yes    No	
City	State	Which Agency?    BLM    Forest Service	
Zip Code	Phone No. (Include area code)	Bond No.	Bond Amount: \$
E-Mail Address			

Geophysical Co.		Geophysical Co. Representative	
Address		Address	
City	State	City	State
Zip Code	Phone No. (Include area code)	Zip Code	Phone No. (Include area code)
E-Mail Address		Cellular Phone No. (Include area code)	

Local Rep./Party Chief

1. Legal Description: Give the legal and land description of the lands involved using Meridian, Township, Range, and Section(s), or metes and bounds as appropriate:

You must also submit a map with a minimum scale of one-half inch per mile showing the general area and project location. We recommend a 7 1/2-minute USGS quadrangle or the scale commonly used in the area. For seismic operations, your maps should include source and receiver lines, surface ownership, and any Federal lands under lease. When survey lines are along property boundaries between Federal and private lands, indicate which side of the line you will use.

2. Do you hold any Federal leases within the project area?    Yes    No (If yes, indicate location and lease numbers on an attached map.) Note: There is no fee for operations on your Federal lease.

3. If you are proposing seismic exploration, how many miles of source line (2-D), or acres (3-D) (to the nearest 10 acres) of survey are on:

a. Your Federal Lease \_\_\_\_\_ b. Other Federal lands \_\_\_\_\_

4. When do you expect to start exploration? \_\_\_\_\_ How long will the project last? \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Describe any of your critical time frames associated with the proposed project, such as equipment or contractor availability.

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. (Section 1212 make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any Department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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Description and Type of Operations (*check all that apply*):

a. Survey Type:    2-D    3-D    Gravity/Magnetic    Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the survey type:

b. Survey Method:    Surface charge    Shothole    Vibroseis    Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

What type and amount of explosives per source point will you use? \_\_\_\_\_

What shotpoint pattern and spacing will you use? \_\_\_\_\_ What will be the shothole depth? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attach or display a diagram of the shotpoint pattern on the project map?    Yes    No

Describe the survey method:

c. Transport Method:    Vibrator Trucks    Pick-up Truck    Buggy/ATV    Backpack    Helicopter

Describe your transportation plans, including types and numbers of vehicles and how you will access the project area:

d. Operating Procedures--Describe your operating procedures, including how you will minimize surface impacts. Describe support facilities you need, such as helispots, camps, or powder magazines; construction of roads or trails, proposed plugging procedures for shotholes; and general clean-up procedures:

**Terms and Conditions**

- 1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or Forest Service (FS) (Agency) must approve any Surface disturbing activities in addition to those approved in this NOI, such as route changes, placement of magazines, towing with a tractor, blading, dozing, snow removal, and vegetation removal. I must notify the Agency in writing of any changes in the original proposal and have Agency approval in writing for the changes before proceeding with them. Stacking sourcepoints to avoid sensitive resources or areas does not require prior Agency approval.
- 2. This NOI expires on \_\_\_\_\_, unless the Agency extends it in writing before that date.
- 3. I understand that this NOI does not grant any exclusive right to the described lands for geophysical exploration, or other purposes. The land area described above is at all times subject to any other lawful uses by the United States, its lessees, permittees, licensees, and assigns.
- 4. I must notify the Agency at least \_\_\_\_\_ days, but no more than \_\_\_\_\_, prior to initiating the project and entering upon the public lands.
- 5. In the field, each seismic crew must have with it a copy of the approved NOI and its terms and conditions.
- 6. The Agency may suspend or terminate this NOI if there is a violation of any of its conditions.
- 7. I must suspend operations when the operations may unnecessarily damage the surface, such as when rutting would occur due to wet soil conditions.
- 8. I must indemnify the United States for any liability for damage to life or property resulting from the occupancy or use of public lands under the NOI.
- 9. I must take all reasonable precautions to prevent and must suppress fires. The Agency may specify in writing the fire prevention and firefighting equipment I need. At my expense, I must extinguish all fires set or caused as a result of operations under this NOI and must report all fires to the Agency.
- 10. I must diligently protect from unnecessary damage United States land and property covered by this NOI. I must pay the United States for any damage resulting from my or my agents' or employees' violation of the terms of this NOI or any law or regulation applicable to the lands involved.
- 11. I must store and handle powder magazines and explosives according to U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms standards (see 27 CFR Part 55). I must properly secure loaded shotholes.
- 12. I must complete shothole plugging under Agency guidelines and the guidelines of any other local, Federal or State regulatory authority.
- 13. I must remove all materials and equipment I placed on the premises and restore the site to the Agency's satisfaction immediately after I complete the project unless the Agency approves other arrangements.
- 14. I must file a Notice of Completion (NOC) Form within 30 days after completing operations and reclamation. If the location of the project is different from that in the approved NOI, I must submit a revised map with the NOC (1:24,000 scale, where available), including source points.
- 15. I must pay to the United States \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ according to the regulations.
- 16. This geophysical exploration project is subject to the attached Conditions of Approval \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ and Exhibits \_\_\_\_\_.

**WARNING:** If you purposely give false or misleading information, you maybe fined \$10,000, sent to prison, or both (see Title 18 U.S. C. 1001 statement on page 1).

I agree that I and my agents must conduct the geophysical exploration under all Federal, State and local laws, and applicable regulations and must comply with this NOI and any attached terms and conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Authorized Company Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Authorized Company Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Agency Signing Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Agency Signing Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title of Agency Signing Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**NOTICES**

The Privacy Act of 1974 and the regulation in 43 CFR 2.48(d) provide that you be furnished the following information in connection with information required by this Notice of Intent and Authorization to Conduct Oil and Gas Geophysical Exploration Operations.

AUTHORITY; 30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: We use the information to Process your Notice

ROUTINE USES: (1) The processing of the operator s Notice of Intent and Authorization to Conduct Oil and Gas Geophysical Exploration Operations. (2) To determine that mitigating measures are made to protect the environment. (3) Transfer to appropriate Federal agencies when concurrence is required prior to granting a right in public lands or resources, (4) Information from the record and/or the record will be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION: Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If all the information is not provided, your right to conduct geophysical exploration activities may be revoked.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C.. 3501 et seq.) requires us to inform you that:

BLM will collect this information under 43 CFR 3150.

FS will collect this information under 36 CFR 251.15.

BLM/FS will use this information to process geophysical exploration notices.

Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit.

BLM would like you to know that you do not have to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**BURDEN OF HOURS STATEMENT:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data. and completing and reviewing of the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (1004-0162), Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C Street, N.W, Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.