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Subpart 2801—Terms and Conditions of Rights-of-Way Grants and Temporary Use Permits

§ 2801.1 Nature of interest.

§ 2801.1-1 Nature of right-of-way interest.

(a) All rights in public lands subject to a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit not expressly granted are retained and may be exercised by the United States. These rights include, but are not limited to:

(1) A continuing right of access onto the public lands covered by the right-of-way grant or temporary use permit, and upon reasonable notice to the holder, access and entry to any facility constructed on the right-of-way or permit area:

(2) The right to require common use of the right-of-way, and the right to authorize use of the right-of-way for compatible uses (including the subsurface and air space).

(b) A right-of-way grant or temporary use permit may be used only for the purposes authorized. The holder may allow others to use the land as his/her agent in exercising the rights granted.

(c) All right-of-way grants and temporary use permits shall be issued subject to valid existing rights.

(d) A right-of-way grant or temporary use permit shall not give or authorize the holder to take from the public lands any mineral or vegetative

material, including timber, without securing authorization under the Materials Act (30 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), and paying in advance the fair market value of the material cut, removed, used, or destroyed. However, common varieties of stone and soil necessarily removed in the construction of a project may be used elsewhere along the same right-of-way or permit area in the construction of the project without additional authorization and payment. The holder shall be allowed in the performance of normal maintenance to do minor trimming, pruning and clearing of vegetative material within the right-of-way or permit area and around facilities constructed thereon without additional authorization and payments. At his discretion and when it is in the public interest, the authorized officer may in lieu of requiring an advance payment for any mineral or vegetative materials, including timber, cut or excavated, require the holder to stockpile or stack the material as designated locations for later disposal by the United States.

(e) A holder of a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit may assign a grant or permit to another, provided the holder obtains the written approval of the authorized officer.

(f) The holder of a right-of-way grant may authorize other parties to use a facility constructed, except for roads, on the right-of-way with the prior written consent of the authorized officer and charge for such use. In any such arrangement, the holder shall continue to be responsible for compliance with all conditions of the grant. This paragraph does not limit in any way the authority of the authorized officer to issue additional right-of-way grants or temporary use permits for compatible uses on or adjacent to the right-of-way, nor does it authorize the holder to impose charges for the use of lands made subject to such additional right-of-way grants or temporary use permits. However, the holder of a right-of-way grant for communication purposes may authorize other parties to use a facility, without prior written consent of the authorized officer, if so provided by terms and conditions of the grant.

(g) Each right-of-way grant or temporary use permit shall describe the

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public lands to be used or occupied and the grant or permit shall be limited to those lands which the authorized officer determines:

(1) Will be occupied by the facilities authorized;

(2) To be necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the authorized facilities;

(3) To be necessary to protect the public health and safety; and

(4) Will do no unnecessary damage to the environment.

(h) Each grant or permit shall specify its term. The term of the grant shall be limited to a reasonable period. A reasonable period for a right-of-way grant may range from a month to a year or a term of years to perpetuity. The term for a temporary use shall not exceed 3 years. In determining the period for any specific grant or permit, the authorized officer shall provide for a term necessary to accomplish the purpose of the authorization. Factors to be considered by the authorized officer for the purpose of establishing an equitable term pertaining to the use include, but are not limited to:

(1) Public purpose served;

(2) Cost and useful life of the facility; and

(3) Time limitations imposed by required licenses or permits that the holder is required to secure from other Federal or State agencies.

(i) Each grant issued for a term of 20 years or more shall contain a provision requiring periodic review of the grant at the end of the twentieth year and at regular intervals thereafter not to exceed 10 years.

(j) Each grant shall have a provision stating whether it is renewable or not and if renewable, the terms and conditions applicable to the renewal.

(k) Each grant shall not only comply with the regulations of this part, but also, comply with the provisions of any other applicable law and implementing regulations as appropriate.

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§ 2801.1-2 Reciprocal grants.

When the authorized officer determines from an analysis of land use plans or other management decisions

that a right-of-way for an access road is or shall be needed by the United States across lands directly or indirectly owned or controlled by an applicant for a right-of-way grant, he or she shall, if it is determined to be in the public interest, require the applicant, as a condition to receiving a right-of-way grant, to grant the United States an equivalent right-of-way that is adequate in duration and rights.

§ 2801.2 Terms and conditions of interest granted.

(a) An applicant by accepting a right-of-way grant, temporary use permit, assignment, amendment or renewal agrees and consents to comply with and be bound by the following terms and conditions, excepting those which the Secretary may waive in a particular case:

(1) To the extent practicable, all State and Federal laws applicable to the authorized use and such additional State and Federal laws, along with the implementing regulations, that may be enacted and issued during the term of the grant or permit.

(2) That in the construction, operation, maintenance and termination of the authorized use, there shall be no discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex or national origin and all subcontracts shall include an identical provision.

(3) To rebuild and repair roads, fences, and established trails that may be destroyed or damaged by construction, operation or maintenance of the project and to build and maintain suitable crossings for existing roads and significant trails that intersect the project.

(4) To do everything reasonably within his or her power, both independently and upon request of the authorized officer, to prevent and suppress fires on or in the immediate vicinity of the right-of-way or permit area. This includes making available such construction and maintenance forces as may be reasonably obtained for the suppression of fires.

(b) All right-of-way grants and temporary use permits issued, renewed,