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§ 2911.0-1 Purpose.

This subpart sets forth procedures for issuance of airport leases on the public lands.

§ 2911.0-3 Authority.

The Act of May 24, 1928, as amended (49 U.S.C. Appendix, 211-213), author-

izes the Secretary of the Interior to lease for use as a public airport, any contiguous unreserved and unappropriated public lands not to exceed 2,560 acres in area.

§ 2911.0-5 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the term:

(a) *Act* means the Act of May 24, 1928, as amended (49 U.S.C. Appendix, 211-213).

(b) *Authorized officer* means any employee of the Bureau of Land Management who has been delegated the authority to perform the duties described in this subpart.

(c) *Administrator* means the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

(d) *Applicant* means any individual who is a citizen of the United States; a group or association of citizens of the United States; any corporation, organized under the laws of the United States or of any State, authorized to conduct business in the State in which the land involved is located; or a State or political subdivisions or instrumentality thereof, including counties and municipalities; who submits an application for an airport lease under this subpart.

(e) *Public airport* means an airport open to use by all persons without prior permission of the airport lessee or operator, and without restrictions within the physical capacities of its available facilities.

§ 2911.0-8 Lands available for leasing.

Any contiguous unreserved and unappropriated public lands, surveyed or unsurveyed, not exceeding 2,560 acres in area, may be leased under the provisions of the Act, subject to valid existing rights under the public land laws.

§ 2911.1 Terms and conditions.

(a) The lessee shall, within 1 year from the date of issuance of the lease, equip the airport as required by the Administrator and file a report thereof in the Bureau of Land Management District office having jurisdiction over the lands under lease.

(b) At any time during the term of the lease, the Administrator may have an inspection made of the airport, and if the airport does not comply with the

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ratings set by the Federal Aviation Administration, the Administrator shall submit a written statement describing the deficiencies to the Bureau of Land Management District office having jurisdiction over the lands under lease for appropriate action.

(c) The authorized officer may cancel, in whole or in part, a lease issued under the Act for any of the following reasons: Lessee failure to use the leased premises or any part thereof for a period of at least 6 months; use of the property or any part thereof for a purpose other than the authorized use; failure to pay the annual rental in full on or before the date due; failure to maintain the premises according to the ratings set by the Federal Aviation Administration; failure to comply with the regulations in this part or the terms of the lease.

(d) Leases under the Act shall be for a period not to exceed 20 years and may be renewed for like periods.

(e) Annual rental for leases to any citizen of the United States, any group or association of citizens, or any corporation organized under the laws of the United States or any State shall be at appraised fair market rental, with a minimum annual rental payment of \$100. State or political subdivisions thereof, including counties and municipalities, shall pay to the lessor an annual rental calculated at the appraised fair market value of the rental of the property less 50%, with a minimum annual rental payment of \$100. In fixing the rentals, consideration shall be given to all pertinent facts and circumstances, including use of the airport by government departments and agencies. Rental of each lease shall be reconsidered and revised at 5-year intervals to reflect current appraised fair market value. The first annual rental payment shall be made prior to issuance of the lease. All subsequent payments shall be paid on or before the anniversary date of issuance of the lease.

(f) The lessee shall agree that all departments and agencies of the United States operating aircraft shall have free and unrestricted use of the airport and, with the approval of the authorized officer, such departments or agencies shall have the right to erect and

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install therein such structures and improvements as are deemed advisable by the heads of such departments and agencies. Whenever the President may deem it necessary for military purposes, the Secretary of the Army may assume full control of the airport.

(g) The lessee shall submit to the Administrator for approval regulations governing operations of the airport.

§ 2911.2 Procedures.

§ 2911.2–1 Preapplication activity.

Persons seeking to lease public lands under this subpart shall first consult with the authorized officer in the District or Resource Area Office in which the lands are located. Such consultation is necessary to determine land availability and conformity of proposed use with approved land use plans, explain associated statutory and regulatory requirements, familiarize the potential applicant with respective management responsibilities, set forth the application processing procedures for the proposed action, and identify potential conflicts. Upon completion of the consultation, persons seeking to lease public lands for a public airport may submit an application for consideration by the authorized officer.

§ 2911.2–2 Applications.

(a) Each application shall clearly describe the lands applied for by legal subdivisions and/or by metes and bounds and contain a plan of development and use signed by the applicant or by a duly authorized agent or officer of the applicant. When required by the authorized officer, the application shall include copies of the appropriate State, county, or municipal airport licenses or permits, as well as such additional States and local clearances as may be required.

(b) Each application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable filing fee of \$100. Each applicant shall also be required to pay the cost of publication of a Notice of Realty Action in the FEDERAL REGISTER and a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which the lands are located.

(c) If approval of an application results in cancellation of a grazing permit of lease or a reduction in grazing