

## § 3515.26

### § 3515.26 When will BLM make a decision on the exchange?

After the public hearing and consideration of public comments, we will determine whether issuance of the exchange lease is in the public interest. If it is, we will then process the exchange. If not, we will cancel the exchange.

### § 3515.27 Will BLM attach any special provisions to the exchange lease?

Yes, the lease terms will contain a statement that you quitclaim and relinquish any right or interest in your preference right lease application or lease exchanged.

## Subpart 3516—Use Permits

### § 3516.10 What are use permits?

Use permits allow you to use the surface of lands not included within your permit or lease to help you develop the mineral deposits. You may only get a use permit during the life of your permit or lease, and only for unentered, unappropriated, BLM-administered land. Use permits are not prospecting permits.

### § 3516.11 What kinds of permits or leases allow use permits?

Use permits are issued only in support of phosphate and sodium permits and leases. For phosphate permits and leases, BLM may issue you a use permit to use up to 80 acres. For sodium leases, use permits are limited to no more than 40 acres.

### § 3516.12 What activities may I conduct under a use permit?

Phosphate use permits authorize you to conduct activities to properly extract, treat, or remove the mineral deposits. Sodium use permits authorize you to occupy camp sites, develop refining works and use the surface for other purposes connected with, and necessary to, the proper development and use of the deposits.

### § 3516.15 How do I apply for a use permit?

You must file three copies of your application in the BLM office administering the lands you are interested in. There is no specific form required.

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Include a nonrefundable \$25 filing fee and the first year's rental. Calculate the rental in accordance with § 3504.15 of this part.

### § 3516.16 What must I include with my application?

You must agree to pay the annual charge identified in the permit, and provide the following information:

- (a) Specific reasons why you need the additional lands;
- (b) A description of the lands applied for;
- (c) Any information demonstrating that the lands are suitable and appropriate for your needs; and
- (d) Evidence that the lands are unoccupied and unappropriated.

### § 3516.20 Is there an annual fee or charge for use of the lands?

Yes. You must pay the annual \$1 per acre rental, or \$20, whichever is greater, on or before the anniversary date of the permit.

### § 3516.30 What happens if I fail to pay the annual rental on my use permit?

Your use permit will terminate automatically if you fail to pay the required rental within 30 days after we serve you with a written notice of the rental requirement.

## Subpart 3517—Hardrock Mineral Development Contracts, Processing and Milling Arrangements

### § 3517.10 What are development contracts and processing and milling arrangements?

Development contracts and processing and milling arrangements involving hardrock minerals are agreements between one or more lessees and one or more other persons to justify large scale operations for the discovery, development, production, or transportation of ores.

### § 3517.11 Are permits and leases covered by approved agreements exempt from the acreage limitations?

Hardrock mineral permits and leases committed to development contracts or processing or milling arrangements