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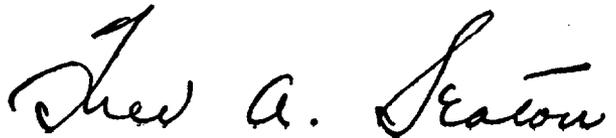
(43 CFR 192.9)

OIL AND GAS LEASES

PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437; 30 U. S. C. sec. 181, et seq.), as amended and supplemented, it is proposed to amend 43 CFR 192.9, as hereinafter set forth.

Interested parties may submit in triplicate written comments, suggestions, or objections with respect to the proposed amendment to the Director, Bureau of Land Management, Washington 25, D. C. within 30 days from the date of publication hereof in the Federal Register.



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Secretary of the Interior

Section 192.9 is revised as follows:

§ 192.9 Leasing of wildlife refuge lands, game range lands, and coordination lands.

(a) Wildlife refuge lands. Such lands are those embraced in a withdrawal of public domain and acquired lands of the United States for the protection of all species of wildlife within a particular area. Sole and complete jurisdiction over such lands for wildlife conservation purposes is vested in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service even though such lands may be subject to prior rights for other public purposes or, by the terms of the withdrawal order, may be subject to mineral leasing. No offers for oil and gas leases covering such lands will be accepted and no leases covering such lands will be issued except where it is determined by the Geological Survey that the lands are subject to drainage and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service recommends the issuance of leases thereon. In such instances

the Bureau of Land Management will process an offering inviting competitive bids in accordance with the then existing regulations relating to competitive oil and gas leasing. Such leases shall be issued only upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior or his representative and shall contain such stipulations as are necessary to assure that leasing activities and drilling shall be carried out in such a manner as will result in a minimum of damage to wildlife resources. The special stipulations will be made available at the time of the offering of the lands for lease.

(b) Game range lands. Game ranges created by a withdrawal of public lands and reserved for dual purposes, namely protection and improvement of the public grazing lands and natural forage resources and conservation and development of natural wildlife resources, are under the joint jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Representatives of the appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will confer for the purpose of entering into agreement specifying those lands which shall not be subject to oil and gas leasing, except where it is determined by the Geological Survey that the lands are subject to drainage and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service recommends the issuance of leases thereon. In such instances the Bureau of Land Management will process an offering inviting competitive bids in accordance with the then existing regulations relating to competitive oil and gas leasing. Such leases shall be issued only upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior or his representative and shall contain such stipulations as are necessary to assure that leasing activities and drilling shall be carried out in such a manner as will result in a minimum of damage to wildlife resources. The special stipulations will be made available at the time of the offering of the lands for lease. The description of the lands and the agreements shall be published in the Federal Register.

The remaining lands in each game range will be subject to such leasing on the imposition of such stipulations agreed upon by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management as are necessary to assure that leasing activities and drilling shall be carried out in such a manner as will result in a minimum of damage to wildlife resources.

Such agreements supplemented by maps or plats specifically delineating the categories of lands mentioned above will be filed in the appropriate land offices of the Bureau of Land Management where they may be inspected by the public at the usual hours specified for that purpose.

(c) Coordination lands. These lands are withdrawn by the Government and made available to the States by cooperative agreements entered into between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the game commissions of the various States, in accordance with the Act of March 10, 1934 (48 Stat. 401), as amended by the Act of August 14, 1946 (60 Stat. 1080). Representatives of the Bureau of Land Management and representatives of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will, in cooperation with the authorized members of the various State game commissions, examine such lands for the purpose of determining by agreement those lands which shall not be subject to oil and gas leasing, except where it is determined by the Geological Survey that the lands are subject to drainage and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service recommends the issuance of leases thereon. In such instances the Bureau of Land Management will process an offering inviting competitive bids in accordance with then existing regulations relating to competitive oil and gas leasing. Such leases shall be issued only upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior or his representative and shall contain such stipulations as are necessary to assure that leasing activities and drilling shall be carried out in such a manner as will result in a minimum of damage to wildlife resources. The special stipulation will be made available at the time of the offering of the lands for lease. The description of the lands and the agreements shall be published in the Federal Register.

The remaining lands in each coordination withdrawal will be subject to such leasing on the imposition of such stipulations agreed upon by the State game commissions, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management as are necessary to assure that leasing activities and drilling shall be carried out in such a manner as will result in a minimum of damage to wildlife resources.

Such agreements supplemented by maps or plats specifically delineating the categories of lands mentioned above will be filed in the appropriate land offices of the Bureau of Land Management where they may be inspected by the public at the usual hours specified for that purpose.

(d) Alaska Wildlife Areas. Such lands are areas in Alaska created by a withdrawal of public lands for the management of natural wildlife resources and administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Representatives of the appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will confer for the purpose of entering into agreement specifying those lands which shall not be subject to oil and gas leasing, except where it is determined by the Geological Survey that the lands are subject to drainage and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service recommends the issuance of leases thereon. In such instances the Bureau of Land Management will process an offering inviting competitive bids in accordance with the then existing regulations relating to competitive oil and gas leasing. Such leases shall be issued only upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior or his representative, and shall contain such stipulations as are necessary to assure that leasing activities and drilling shall be carried out in such a manner as will result in a minimum of damage to wildlife resources. The special stipulations will be made available at the time of the offering of the lands for lease. The description of the lands and the agreements shall be published in the Federal Register.

The remaining lands in each wildlife area will be subject to such leasing on the imposition of such stipulations agreed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management as are necessary to assure that leasing activities and drilling shall be carried out in such a manner as will result in a minimum of damage to wildlife resources.

Such agreements supplemented by maps or plats specifically delineating the categories of lands mentioned above will be filed in the appropriate land offices of the Bureau of Land Management where they may be inspected by the public at the usual hours specified for that purpose.

(e) Suspension of pending applications. All pending applications for oil and gas leases covering game ranges and coordination lands will continue to be suspended until, as to game ranges, the agreements between the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall have been completed, and as to coordination lands, until such agreements shall have been entered into between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the State game commissions.

(f) Lands in requested withdrawal. All existing offers or applications for oil and gas leases covering lands included in requests for withdrawals for wildlife refuges, game ranges or coordination lands, shall be suspended until after the consummation of the withdrawal, and thereafter such offers shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of this section.