



News Bulletin

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BLM TO SEARCH COUNTY RECORDS FOR LAND AND MINERAL HOLDINGS

To: KNRC Member County Clerks, Register-of-Deeds Personnel, & Commissioners

This notice is to alert and inform you that Federal officials from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have stated their intention to dispatch Land Title experts to search County records for the purpose of identifying additional BLM lands, holdings, royalty and mineral interest(s).

BLM currently holds title to mineral rights in 436 Counties, including Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Nebraska.

BLM's search is an effort to locate additional surface and/or mineral estate acres to be included in their 3-State Resource Management Plan (RMP), which is currently under revision. BLM officials have indicated their title professionals will check land records in all 105 Kansas counties, as well as the 331 counties in Oklahoma, Texas and 1 County in Nebraska.

The search effort by BLM is of interest to KNRC and its member counties as the effort could expand surface and mineral-estate holdings, an effort that could identify or create title, land or resource changes or conflicts.

KNRC thanks you in advance for your assistance in notifying your county commissioners and KNRC if your county's records are searched by BLM or its contractor.

Regards,

Jim Rice,
KNRC Vice President
Seward County Commissioner

The Kansas Natural Resource Coalition (KNRC) is an association of counties who maintain collective and participatory involvement in administrative government on behalf of its citizenry. The Coalition serves as a conduit between local, state and federal governments to promote balanced, necessary and effective administrative policymaking through the mechanism of government-to-government coordination. Our mission is to monitor, analyze, understand, communicate, and participate in those initiatives that materially affect the natural or human systems governed by individual member counties.