

OIG High-Risk Land / High-Risk Boundary General Guidance

Guidance

- A. All programs may submit nominations under this Instruction Memorandum (IM).
- B. Nominations may include both lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and by other Federal bureaus and offices or federally recognized tribes. Nominations from other agencies or tribes will be accepted when funding is provided.
- C. Nominations may include recommendations for any of the available, BLM-provided, cadastral and trespass resolution services that effectively meet the intent of this effort.
- D. The State Office Chief Cadastral Surveyor responsible for the jurisdictional area affected will coordinate nominations.
- E. Parties should complete the Nomination Questionnaire in its entirety for each request. Use additional space between questions if required.
- F. The State Office Chief Cadastral Surveyor will provide a Condition of Survey Map. The Washington Office (WO) may request additional information after receipt of nominations.
- G. Nominations with the greatest merit will be panel reviewed.
- H. All field work must be completed no later than 09/30/13.
- I. Eligible nominations completed under this initiative are, as defined in CFR 2808.11, 2920.1-2 and 9239.1-3, administrative actions which concentrate on unauthorized use. Correspondingly unauthorized users are liable for reimbursing the BLM for these administrative costs. Follow up actions to these cases must, when appropriate, include collection of these administrative expenses with receipts deposited into functional area L5310 for Oregon & California Grant lands and L5320 for Public Domain lands.
- J. For each nomination, availability of co-funding from L5310, L5320, and other applicable cost recovery accounts to support the recommended services will be identified and noted in the nomination.
- K. All expenses, regardless of funding source, will be charged using special interest project code HRRB.
- L. The responsible state office realty lead will follow completed projects and complete actions necessary for the recovery of any revenues, administrative fees, penalties, and other collections which are recoverable.

- M. The Project Completion Questionnaire must be completed within 45 days of field completion to the extent practicable. The questionnaire will be completed in full upon final case resolution.

Purpose for Providing Services

- A. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) asserts that revenues have been lost due to uncertain boundary location. This effort is intended to demonstrate results in discovering these revenues that have gone uncollected.
- B. Demonstrate results to OIG in collecting undiscovered revenues, including fines and penalties, in cases that involve the unauthorized removal of resources.
- C. Demonstrate results to OIG in collecting undiscovered revenues including fines and penalties, in cases that involve unauthorized utilities, roads, or other infrastructure on federally managed lands.
- D. Demonstrate results to OIG in protecting resources that have potential to be lost or damaged as a result of antiquated or uncertain boundary location.
- E. Demonstrate results to OIG in collecting revenues for the repair of lands damaged through unauthorized use.

Definitions

High-risk land means any Federal interest land with high market or nonmarket value(s), e.g., adjoining highly developed non-Federal properties or special area set aside for its wilderness characteristics, and with a high risk boundary.

High-risk resource means any Federal resource, other than land, with significant market or nonmarket value(s), e.g., coal, oil and gas, timber, or special area set aside for sensitive species, plants, or views, and with a high-risk boundary.

High-risk boundary means any boundary line or corner of Federal interest land not clearly marked on-the-ground by an official survey, e.g., unsurveyed or surveyed but not marked with regulations posts and line markers, often referred to as an antiquated boundary or antiquated survey.

Nominations must be received by MWahlfield@blm.gov no later than 12/11/12.