

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY		JOB NUMBER N1-49-994	
To: NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NWML) WASHINGTON, DC 20408		DATE RECEIVED 4-15-99	
1. FROM (Agency or establishment) Bureau of Land Management		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a, the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.	
2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION			
3. MINOR SUBDIVISION			
4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Wendy Spencer	5. TELEPHONE (303) 236-6642	DATE 10-5-99	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES <i>John W. Paul</i>
6. AGENCY CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached ___ page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified; and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, <input type="checkbox"/> is not required; <input type="checkbox"/> is attached; or <input type="checkbox"/> has been requested.			
DATE 4/9/99	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>Wendy W. Spencer</i>	TITLE <i>Records Officer</i>	
7. Item No.	8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10. ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
	Record Group 49 WNRC Project: Records of the Bureau of Land Management This schedule provides one-time disposition authority for Bureau of Land Management records, which are stored at WNRC. SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE.		

10/20/99 agency, NWML

RG 49 WNRC Project
Records of the Bureau of Land Management Stored At WNRC

Items 1-7 provide one-time disposition authority for the specific accessions listed.

1. Division M, Accounting Division. Indian Accounting Office Files, 1904-1935. 12 cu. ft.

These "Miscellaneous Accounting Records" consist of record cards that are arranged by townsite, thereunder by file or serial number. Each card records the purchaser's name, townsite, township and range, cost of the land, and payment dates. The records document annual payments made by homesteaders who purchased land on former Indian Reservations across the United States.

Disposition: PERMANENT. Transfer immediately to NARA upon approval of this schedule.

Justification: These records contain information relating to the disposal of Indian lands and provide additional legal and historical documentation of land purchases and Government land policies.

WNRC Accession No. 49-51B-0027 BBE, Boxes 883-909.

2. Division M, Accounting Division. Indian Accounting Office Files, 1904-1935. 5 cu. ft.

This series consists of "Card Records of Monies Received for the Sale of Indian Land." The records are arranged by area office, agency or tribe, thereunder by file number. Each card records the purchaser's name, kind of land entry, name of the area office or reservation, Act of Congress authorizing the sale, the amount, and payment dates. Although the records are in a different format than the cards described in item 1, they also relate to the sale of former Indian lands.

Disposition: PERMANENT. Transfer immediately to NARA upon approval of this schedule.

Justification: These records contain information relating to the disposal of Indian lands and provide additional legal and historical documentation of land purchases and Government land policies.

WNRC Accession No. 49-51B-0027 BAY, Boxes 841-849.

3. Branch of Field Examinations. Case Record Cards, 1941-1947. 4 cu. ft.

These records are indexes to investigation case files of the Branch of Field Examination (BFE) and its predecessor, the Division of Investigations (1924-1942). The cards are arranged by regional office, thereunder by alphabetically by name of person, place or organization. Each 5" x 8" index card contains region number, land office division, name of field examiner, General

Land Office (GLO) file number, name and address of claimant/defendant, nature of case, dates, and type of action taken. Subjects include homestead entries, grazing leases, timber applications, and surplus property.

Disposition: PERMANENT. Transfer immediately to NARA upon approval of this schedule.

Justification: The records cover Region I (San Francisco) and Region II (Billings) and are an accretion to a series accessioned under the P95 Project, "Indexes to Closed Branch of Field Examinations ("BFE") Case Files, 1936-1947." The GLO file numbers may also be used as cross references to the records in "Miscellaneous Letters Received, 1910-1946."

WNRC Accession No. 49-51B-0027 BBN, Boxes 940-945.

4. Grazing Service Program Files, 1915-1945. 15 cu. ft.

These records generally consist of manuscript data forms, arranged by township and range, that include hand-drawn plats, information on land use (timber, grazing, agriculture, etc.), and such specific ecological characteristics as soil type and vegetation. Also included are miscellaneous printed reports relating to grazing and the Grazing Service; correspondence and notes relating to land sales, road taxes, drainage, and power lines; and records concerning Cheyenne, Wyoming, mineral location contested cases. Portions of the miscellaneous records may be more complete when the remaining charged-out boxes (approximately 55 cubic feet) are returned by the Department of Justice.

Disposition: PERMANENT. Transfer immediately to NARA upon approval of this schedule.

Justification: These records provide physical documentation for land classification decisions, range survey, and range improvement programs implemented by the Grazing Service. The miscellaneous records contain supplemental information about the administrative and program functions of the Grazing Service and may also relate to General Land Office operations.

WNRC Accession Nos. 49-51Z-0027 ZX (Boxes 170, 214, 220-223, 225, 227, 233, 283-287) and 49-51Z-0027 Z (Box 277).

5. Directives and Records Management Division. Management Analysis Branch. Historical Files of Instructional Memos, 1956-1965. 14 cu. ft.

These records provide historical background on two important sets of the Bureau of Land Management's directives, Instruction Memorandums and Information Memorandums. The files are arranged chronologically, thereunder by State or geographic area. Included are forms, administrative manuals, correspondence from regions and States to the central office, appeals, monthly case work reports, and photographs. Subjects covered include administrative operations and such program issues as trespass, mineral applications, homesteads, rights of way, and land

claim adjudication.

Disposition: PERMANENT. Transfer immediately to NARA upon approval of this schedule.

Justification: NARA has previously accessioned Instruction and Information Memorandums from 1962-63, 1966, and 1970-71. The Historical Files will fill in gaps of missing records and provide background information on the creation and implementation of BLM policies and programs.

WNRC Accession No. 49-67A-1664, Boxes 1-14.

6. Division of Resource Program Management. Negotiated Sales Reports to Congress, 1963-1976. 3 cu. ft.

This series consists of copies of semi-annual reports, which list individuals who purchased land, the location of the land, the number of acres, total cost, and any mineral deposits. The records may have been created as a result of Public Law 88-608, September 19, 1964, which provided the Secretary of Interior with temporary authority to sell certain public lands. The Federal Government retained possession of any minerals located on these public lands.

Disposition: PERMANENT. Transfer immediately to NARA upon approval of this schedule.

Justification: These records provide unique documentation on Federal land programs operating under Congressional legislation. Consultation with NWL revealed that the reports are not published or readily available in Congressional records and should therefore be made permanent.

WNRC Accession No. 49-76-0026, Boxes 1-3.

7. Branch of Fluid Minerals Operations. Oil and Gas Reports, 1925-1979. 19 cu. ft.

These records consist of monthly reports, 1967-1979, and annual reports, 1925-1974. They are arranged chronologically by year in bound volumes marked "USGS Conservation Division." Included are narrative information on management activities, maps, charts, reports, and statistical data on number of leases, permits, inspections, and other activities. The volumes contain a mixture of original typed and printed documents, mimeographs, and photocopies. BLM apparently acquired these reports in the early 1980s, when it received some of the U.S. Geological Survey's functions concerning fluid minerals.

Disposition: PERMANENT. Transfer immediately to NARA upon approval of this schedule.

Justification: The records document the Federal Government's fluid minerals programs as administered by USGS and BLM. Consultation with NWCTC revealed that these reports are not available in RG 57 and should therefore be made permanent.

WNRC Accession No. 49-86-0016, Boxes 1-19.