

**Federally Managed Lands (Surface and Mineral Interests) in Oklahoma
Guidance Document
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This document is meant to help operators determine when a federal APD or other requirement is needed before a well is drilled. This document does not address all possible mineral or surface oil and gas development scenarios occurring within the state of Oklahoma. This is a guidance document only and as such, the use or reliance on this document does not prevent the owner or operator of an onshore oil and gas production facility from liability, and it does not constitute legal or other professional advice. For further information, contact the BLM to ensure compliance.

Mineral Ownership				Surface Ownership				
				Federal			Indian	State or Private
				BLM	Other SMA	USFS	Tribal or Allotted	
Operator Completing in Federal or Indian Minerals (Applies to any % Federal or Indian mineral interest)	Federal		Leased ¹	APD√	APD√ + SD	APD√ + SUPO	APD√ + SD	APD√
	Indian*	Tribal or Allotted	Leased ¹	APD√	APD√ + SD	APD√ + SUPO	APD√ + SD	APD√
	Indian*	Five Civilized Tribes - District Court	Leased ¹	X + SP	X + SD	X + SP + SUPO	X + SD	X + SD
				<p>X. Note - If operators drill through Federal or Indian mineral estate with no intent to complete and/or establish production, no federal action/prior approval is required. However, if a possibility exists of completing and/or establishing production in any portion of the Federal or Indian mineral estate being drilled through, a federal action in the form of obtaining an approved federal APD must be obtained prior to commencing construction and drilling activities.</p>				
Operator Drilling Through Federal or Indian Minerals	Federal		Leased ¹					
	Indian*	Tribal or Allotted	Leased ¹					
	Indian*	Five Civilized Tribes - District Court	Leased ¹					
Operator Completing in Privately Owned Minerals				SP + ROW. Private minerals overlain by Federal or Indian Surface: The use of Federal or Tribal surface necessary to access private minerals requires a realty action in the form of a ROW from the applicable federal SMA consistent with the Federal Land Management Policy Act (FLMPA).				SP

NOTES:

- APD√** Application for Permit to Drill (BLM)
- BLM** U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- ROW** Right-of-Way (Mineral Leasing Act)
- S** Consult State
- SD** Surface damage agreement
- SMA** Surface Management Agency, for example, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Dept. of Transportation, etc.
- SP** State APD i.e. permit
- SUPO** Surface Use Plan of Operation (USFS)
- USFS** U.S. Forest Service
- X** No BLM APD needed

¹ Unleased Lands: Any unleased mineral estate (federal, Indian or fee) is not authorized for drilling and subsequent development. Contact BLM for additional information regarding unleased lands.

* Unrestricted and restricted Indian leases: If a lease has been reclassified from restricted to unrestricted, this classification can be validated with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Contact the BLM for additional information.