

## TO LEASE FOR COAL MINING

Any citizen of the United States may make application for an option contract to mine for coal on any land belonging to the State of Washington.

Each person is limited to 640 acres and the applicant shall pay a fee of \$1.00 per acre for the land applied for, but in no case less than \$50.00.

Under an option contract the holder is entitled to prospect for one year but can not remove any coal except for samples and testing.

At any time during the life of the option contract the holder may apply for a mining lease which may be granted for a period of not to exceed twenty years.

Such lease shall provide for the payment to the state of a royalty according to the grade of coal, of not less than ten cents per ton for lignite, fifteen cents for sub-bituminous and twenty cents for high grade bituminous and coking coals. A ton to consist of 2240 pounds.

The lease shall also provide for the payment each year of a minimum rental of not less than one nor more than ten dollars per acre for the land covered thereby.

---Chapter 155, Laws of 1925, Extraordinary Session

## INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

The fee for each lease is \$5.00, to be sent with this application. In addition, send herewith \$5.00 for each forty acres or fraction thereof included in your claim.

## LAWS REGULATING THE LEASING OF STATE MINERAL-BEARING LANDS

Any citizen of the United States finding precious minerals upon any lands now or hereafter belonging to the State of Washington, may apply to the State Department of Natural Resources for a lease of any amount not exceeding eighty acres for prospecting purposes, such application to be made by legal subdivisions according to the public land surveys. (7797-155, Rem. Rev. Stat.)

Before any lease shall be granted the applicant shall pay to the State Department of Natural Resources the sum of five dollars for each forty acres or fraction thereof. The holder of a mineral lease, secured as above stated, shall have two years to develop said mine or mines; Provided, That no more than five tons of ore shall be removed therefrom for assaying or testing purposes until a contract, as hereinafter provided shall have been executed.

Within sixty days prior to the expiration of the lease, the lessee may apply to the State Department of Natural Resources for a new lease. Therefore (thereupon) the State Department of Natural Resources shall give said applicant a prior right, and shall, upon the expiration of the old lease, issue a new lease to the former lessee on terms as may be provided by law. (7797 - 159, Rem. Rev. Stat.)

At any time prior to the expiration of any prospecting lease, the leaseholder or assignee thereof may apply to the State Department of Natural Resources for a contract to mine the lands covered by said lease and extract and dispose of the minerals therefrom. \* \* \*

The terms and conditions on which the land covered by said contract and lease may be mined and the royalties ascertained and paid shall be agreed upon by the State Department of Natural Resources and the contract holder: Provided, That such contract and lease shall provide for the payment to the state of royalty of not less than one per cent (1%) \* \* \* ; and provided further, That in addition to the royalty herein provided for, the contract holder and lessee shall pay an annual rental of ten dollars (\$10) for each forty (40) acres, or fraction thereof included in said contract and lease. (7797 - 160 to 166, Rem. Rev. Stat.)

Any lessee will be required to perform work or make improvements upon the leased premises to an amount of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) for each forty (40) acres included in said lease and will file with the State Department of Natural Resources an affidavit of the performance of such work when application is made for a renewal of any mineral prospecting lease as provided by law.

(Chapter 103, Laws of 1945.)



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STATE OF WASHINGTON }  
COUNTY OF SKAMANIA }

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE WITHIN

INSTRUMENT OF WRITING, FILED BY

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AT *12:15 P.M.* *Oct 15* 19*70*

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RECORDS OF SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASH.

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COUNTY AUDITOR

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