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## DECISION

Exxon Corporation
P. O. Box 120
Denver, Colorado 80201

Petition for deferment of assessment work for assess-

ment year 1977

## Deferment of Assessment Work Granted

The subject petition, filed in this office August 24, 1977, requests a deferment for a period of six months from August 4, 1977, as to the Mary Lyn Nos. 1 through 142, inclusive, mining claims, situated within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. The claims are described as being in Secs. 1, 2, 11, 12, 13 & 14 of T. 4 N., R. 5 E.; in Secs. 35 & 36 of T. 5 N., R. 5 E.; and in Sec. 7, T. 4 N., R. 6 E., Will. Mer., Skamania County, Washington.

The location dates and recording data are shown in the 3-page 'Exhibit A' attached to and made a part hereof. Petitioner's notice to the public was recorded in Book M of Mines, at page 730, records of Skamania County, Washington.

Deferment is requested because petitioner has been prevented by an order of the Forest Service from doing its assessment work because of fire danger. The Forest Service indicates also that slash must be removed by a third party before Exxon may be permitted to do its assessment work.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 21, 1949 (69 Stat. 214; 30 USC 28b) a deferment is granted for an initial period of six months, beginning August 4, 1977 and ending February 6, 1978. If the conditions justifying deferment are removed prior to February 6, 1978, the deferment shall automatically be ended as of such earlier date. (43 CFR 3852.4; Sec. 2 of the Act of June 21, 1949, supra)

The deferred assessment work must be done within the time described in 43 CFR 3852.5. (See copy enclosed.)

As required by Sec. 4 of the Act of June 21, 1949 (supra) and 43 CFR 3852.3, the petitioner must file or record a copy of this decision in the official records of Skamania County, Washington.

Chief, Branch of Lands and Minerals Operations

Harold a. Berene

Enclosures: Exhibit A (3 pages) Dupl. Orig. Copy of 43 CFR 3852