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PAINTING REQUIREMENTS FOR OILFIELD EQUIPMENT AND STRUCTURES

Sec. 102 (a) (8) of the "Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976" states:

"the public lands be managed in a manner that will protect the quality of scientific, scenic, historical, ecological, environmental, air and atmospheric, water resource, and archeological values; that, where appropriate, will preserve and protect certain public lands in their natural condition; that will provide food and habitat for fish and wildlife and domestic animals; and that will provide for outdoor recreation and human occupancy and use;"

In accordance with the above Act, the Bureau of Land Management has determined that all oilfield equipment and structures installed on Federal leases, whether the leases contain a camouflage stipulation or not, will require painting to reduce the visual impact of color.

The following painting guidelines and procedures apply to all oilfield equipment and structures installed after the date of this notice. Painting stipulations and requirements previously issued to operators are modified to meet these guidelines and procedures.

- A. All equipment and structures (except heater treater fireboxes and stacks, small wire or galvanized fencing, and flow lines and other lines on the ground) that are located within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of any of the following will be camouflaged:
 1. A paved road.
 2. An unpaved road which is well-traveled by non-oil field personnel (at least 50 vehicles per 24 hours).
 3. An officially-designated public use site, observation area, or overlook.