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Policy No.: 44695-2-15210-2014.81005-90675885

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POLICY OF TITLE INSURANCE**

Issued by

**Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company**

SUBJECT TO THE EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE, THE EXCEPTIONS FROM COVERAGE CONTAINED IN SCHEDULE B AND THE CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS, COMMONWEALTH LAND TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Nebraska corporation, herein called the Company, insures, as of Date of Policy shown in Schedule A, against loss or damage, not exceeding the Amount of Insurance stated in Schedule A, sustained or incurred by the insured by reason of:

1. Title to the estate or interest described in Schedule A being vested other than as stated therein;
2. Any defect in or lien or encumbrance on the title;
3. Unmarketability of the title;
4. Lack of a right of access to and from the land.
5. In instances where the insured acquires title to the land by condemnation, failure of the commitment for title insurance, as updated to the date of the filing of the *lis pendens* notice or the Declaration of Taking, to disclose the parties having an interest in the land as disclosed by the public records.

The Company will also pay the costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in defense of the title, as insured, but only to the extent provided in the Conditions and Stipulations.

**EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE**

The following matters are expressly excluded from the coverage of this policy and the Company will not pay loss or damage, costs, attorneys' fees or expenses which arise by reason of:

1. (a) Any law, ordinance or governmental regulation (including but not limited to building and zoning laws, ordinances, or regulations) restricting, regulating, prohibiting or relating to (i) the occupancy, use, or enjoyment of the land; (ii) the character, dimensions or location of any improvement now or hereafter erected on the land; (iii) a separation in ownership or a change in the dimensions or area of the land or any parcel of which the land is or was a part; or (iv) environmental protection, or the effect of any violation of these laws, ordinances or governmental regulations, except to the extent that a notice of the enforcement thereof or a notice of a defect, lien or encumbrance resulting from a violation or alleged violation affecting the land has been recorded in the public records at Date of Policy.  
(b) Any governmental police power not excluded by (a) above, except to the extent that a notice of the exercise thereof or a notice of a defect, lien or encumbrance resulting from a violation or alleged violation affecting the land has been recorded in the public records at Date of Policy.
2. Rights of eminent domain unless notice of the exercise thereof has been recorded in the public records at Date of Policy, but not excluding from coverage any taking which has occurred prior to Date of Policy which would be binding on the rights of a purchaser for value without knowledge.
3. Defects, liens, encumbrances, adverse claims or other matters:  
(a) created, suffered, assumed or agreed to by the insured claimant;  
(b) not known to the Company, not recorded in the public records at Date of Policy, but known to the insured claimant and not disclosed in writing to the Company by the insured claimant prior to the date the insured claimant became an insured under the policy;  
(c) resulting in no loss or damage to the insured claimant; or  
(d) attaching or created subsequent to Date of Policy.
4. This policy does not insure against the invalidity or insufficiency of any condemnation proceeding instituted by the United States of America, except to the extent set forth in insuring provision 5.

  
Authorized Signatory

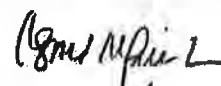
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COMMONWEALTH LAND TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY



By:



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President



Secretary

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## CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS

### 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

The following terms when used in this policy mean:

- (a) "insured": the insured named in Schedule A, and, subject to any rights or defenses the Company would have had against the named insured, those who succeed to the interest of the named insured by operation of law as distinguished from purchase including, but not limited to, heirs, distributees, devisees, survivors, personal representatives, next of kin, or corporate or fiduciary successors.
- (b) "insured claimant": an insured claiming loss or damage.
- (c) "knowledge" or "known": actual knowledge, not constructive knowledge or notice which may be imputed to an insured by reason of the public records as defined in this policy or any other records which impart constructive notice of matters affecting the land.
- (d) "land": the land described or referred to in Schedule A, and improvements affixed thereto which by law constitute real property. The term "land" does not include any property beyond the lines of the area described or referred to in Schedule A, nor any right, title, interest, estate or easement in abutting streets, roads, avenues, alleys, lanes, ways or waterways, but nothing herein shall modify or limit the extent to which a right of access to and from the land is insured by this policy.
- (e) "mortgage": mortgage, deed of trust, trust deed, or other security instrument.
- (f) "public records": records established under state statutes at Date of Policy for the purpose of imparting constructive notice of matters relating to real property to purchasers for value and without knowledge. With respect to Section 1(a)(iv) of the Exclusions From Coverage, "public records" shall also include environmental protection liens filed in the records of the clerk of the United States district court for the district in which the land is located.
- (g) "unmarketability of the title": an alleged or apparent matter affecting the title to the land, not excluded or excepted from coverage, which would entitle a purchaser of the estate or interest described in Schedule A to be released from the obligation to purchase by virtue of a contractual condition requiring the delivery of marketable title.

### 2. CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE AFTER CONVEYANCE OF TITLE.

The coverage of this policy shall continue in force as of Date of Policy in favor of an insured only so long as the insured retains an estate or interest in the land, or holds an indebtedness secured by a purchase money mortgage given by a purchaser from the insured, or only so long as the insured shall have liability by reason of covenants of warranty made by the insured in any transfer or conveyance of the estate or interest. This policy shall not continue in force in favor of any purchaser from the insured of either (i) an estate or interest in the land, or (ii) an indebtedness secured by a purchase money mortgage given to the insured.

### 3. NOTICE OF CLAIM TO BE GIVEN BY INSURED CLAIMANT.

The insured shall notify the Company promptly in writing (i) in case of any litigation as set forth in Section 4(a) below, (ii) in case knowledge shall come to an insured hereunder of any claim of title or interest which is adverse to the title to the estate or interest, as insured, and which might cause loss or damage for which the Company may be liable by virtue of this policy, or (iii) if title to the estate or interest, as insured, is rejected as unmarketable. If prompt notice shall not be given to the Company, then as to the insured all liability of the Company shall terminate with regard to the matter or matters for which prompt notice is required; provided, however, that failure to notify the Company shall in no case prejudice the rights of any insured under this policy unless the Company shall be prejudiced by the failure and then only to the extent of the prejudice.

### 4. DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION OF ACTIONS; DUTY OF INSURED CLAIMANT TO COOPERATE.

(a) Upon written request by the insured and subject to the options contained in Section 6 of these Conditions and Stipulations, the Company, at its own cost and without unreasonable delay, shall provide for the defense of an insured in litigation in which any third party asserts a claim adverse to the title or interest as insured, but only as to those stated causes of action alleging a defect, lien or encumbrance or other matter insured against by this policy. The Company shall have the right to select counsel of its choice (subject to the right of the insured to object for reasonable cause) to represent the insured as to those stated causes of action and shall not be liable for and will not pay the fees of any other counsel. The Company will not pay any fees, costs or expenses incurred

by the insured in the defense of those causes of action which allege matters not insured by this policy.

(b) The Company shall have the right, at its own cost, to institute and prosecute any action or proceeding or to do any other act which in its opinion may be necessary or desirable to establish the title to the estate or interest, as insured, or to prevent or reduce loss or damage to the insured. The Company may take any appropriate action under the terms of this policy, whether or not it shall be liable hereunder, and shall not thereby concede liability or waive any provision of this policy. If the Company shall exercise its rights under this paragraph, it shall do so diligently.

(c) Whenever the Company shall have brought an action or interposed a defense as required or permitted by the provisions of this policy, the Company may pursue any litigation to final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction and expressly reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to appeal from any adverse judgment or order.

(d) In all cases where this policy permits or requires the Company to prosecute or provide for the defense of any action or proceeding, the insured shall secure to the Company the right to so prosecute or provide defense in the action or proceeding, and all appeals therein, and permit the Company to use, at its option, the name of the insured for this purpose. Whenever requested by the Company, the insured, at the Company's expense, shall give the Company all reasonable aid (i) in any action or proceeding, securing evidence, obtaining witnesses, prosecuting or defending the action or proceeding, or effecting settlement, and (ii) in any other lawful act which in the opinion of the Company may be necessary or desirable to establish the title to the estate or interest as insured. If the Company is prejudiced by the failure of the insured to furnish the required cooperation, the Company's obligations to the insured under the policy shall terminate, including any liability or obligation to defend, prosecute, or continue any litigation, with regard to the matter or matters requiring such cooperation.

(e) Notwithstanding Conditions and Stipulations Section 4(a-d), the Attorney General of the United States shall have the sole right to authorize or to undertake the defense of any matter which would constitute a claim under the policy, and the Company may not represent the insured without authorization. If the Attorney General elects to defend at the Government's expense, the Company shall, upon request, cooperate and render all reasonable assistance in the prosecution or defense of the proceeding and in prosecuting any related appeals. If the Attorney General shall fail to authorize and permit the Company to defend, all liability of the Company with respect to that claim shall terminate; provided, however, that if the Attorney General shall give the Company timely notice of all proceedings and an opportunity to suggest defenses and actions as it shall recommend should be taken, and the Attorney General shall present the defenses and take the actions of which the Company shall advise the Attorney General in writing, the liability of the Company shall continue and, in any event, the Company shall cooperate and render all reasonable assistance in the prosecution or defense of the claim and any related appeals.

### 5. PROOF OF LOSS OR DAMAGE.

In addition to and after the notices required under Section 3 of these Conditions and Stipulations have been provided the Company, a proof of loss or damage signed and sworn to by the insured claimant shall be furnished to the Company within 90 days after the insured claimant shall ascertain the facts giving rise to the loss or damage. The proof of loss or damage shall describe the defect in, or lien or encumbrance on the title, or other matter insured against by this policy which constitutes the basis of loss or damage and shall state, to the extent possible, the basis of calculating the amount of the loss or damage. If the Company is prejudiced by the failure of the insured claimant to provide the required proof of loss or damage, the Company's obligations to the insured under the policy shall terminate, including any liability or obligation to defend, prosecute, or continue any litigation, with regard to the matter or matters requiring such proof of loss or damage.

In addition, the insured claimant may reasonably be required to submit to examination under oath by any authorized representative of the Company and shall produce for examination, inspection and copying, at such reasonable times and places as may be designated by any authorized representative of the Company, all records, books, ledgers, checks, correspondence and memoranda, whether bearing a date before or after Date of Policy, which reasonably pertain to the loss or damage. Further, if requested by any authorized representative of the Company, the insured claimant shall grant its permission, in writing, for any authorized

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Basin Land Title & Abstract, Inc.  
335 West 50 North, E-7

Vernal, Utah 84078  
(435) 789-4724

**POLICY OF TITLE INSURANCE  
SCHEDULE A**

Amount of Insurance: \$400,000.00

Premium:\$1,847.00

Date of Policy: January 29, 2014 at 3:17 p.m.

Policy No. 81005-90675885

File No. 15,210

1. Name of Insured:

**UNITED STATES of AMERICA, and its assigns.**

2. The estate or interest in the land that is insured by this policy is:

Fee simple.

3. Title to the estate or interest in the land is vested in:

**UNITED STATES of AMERICA, and its assigns, as authorized by Section 205 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 as amended (43 U.S.C. 1715)**

4. The land referred to in this policy is described in the said instrument, is situated in the county of Uintah, State of Utah, and is identified as follows:

**TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, SALT LAKE MERIDIAN**

Section 8: The Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter; the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter; the East half of the Northwest quarter.

Countersigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Officer or Agent

**SCHEDULE B**

This policy does not insure against loss or damage (and the Company will not pay costs, attorney's fees or expenses) which arise by reason of:

**GENERAL (STANDARD) EXCEPTIONS**

1. Any facts, rights, interest, or claims which are not shown by the public records but which could be ascertained by an inspection of the land or which may be asserted by persons in possession, or claiming to be in possession, thereof.
2. Easements, liens, encumbrances, or claims thereof, which are not shown by the public records.
3. Any encroachment, encumbrance, violation, variation, or adverse circumstance affecting the Title that would be disclosed by an accurate and complete land survey of the land, and that is not shown by public records.
4. Any lien, or right to a lien, imposed by law for services, labor, or material heretofore or hereafter furnished, which lien, or right to a lien, is not shown by the public records.
5. (a) Unpatented mining claims; (b) reservations or exceptions in patents or in Acts authorizing the issuance thereof; (c) Indian treaty or aboriginal rights, including, but not limited to, easements or equitable servitudes; or, (d) water rights, claims or title to water, whether or not the matters excepted under (a), (b), (c), or (d) are shown by the public records.
6. Taxes or assessments which are not now payable or which are not shown as existing liens by the records of any taxing authority that levies taxes or assessments on real property or by the public records; proceedings by a public agency which may result in taxes or assessments, or notices of such proceedings, whether or not shown by the records of such agency or by the public records.
7. Any service, installation, connection, maintenance or construction charges for sewer, water, electricity, or garbage collection or disposal or other utilities unless shown as an existing lien by the public records.

EXCEPTION NO(S) are hereby omitted.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

8. All rights, titles or interests in minerals of any kind, oil, gas, coal or other hydrocarbons and the consequences of the right to mine or remove such substances including, but not limited to express or implied easements and rights to enter upon and use the surface of the land for exploration, drilling or extraction related purposes. This policy does not purport to disclose documents of record pertaining to the above referenced rights.
9. Rights of way and easements for roads, ditches, transmission and utility lines, etc., now existing on, over, under or across said premises.
10. Rights-of-way and easements for ditches and canals, reserved by the United States of America, as recited in Patent.
11. Taxes for the year 2014 and prior are paid, Serial No. 09-029-0001. Property will be exempt from property taxes from recording date of Warranty Deed to United States of America.
12. This property is within the boundaries of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Uintah Water Conservancy District and Uintah County Mosquito Abatement District and is subject to all charges and assessments levied thereby. Levied with general property taxes.
13. Memorandum of Easement, Right-of-way and Surface Use Agreement created for Newfield Production Company for construction, using and maintaining access roads, locations for surface equipment and subsurface gathering lines for wells, recorded March 30, 2009 as Entry No. 2009003322 in Book 1136 at page 454, records of Uintah County, Utah.
14. Class D Road map covering section recorded April 22, 1992, as Entry No. 92002016 in Book 527 at page 211, records of Uintah County, Utah.
15. Class B and D road map covering section recorded July 16, 1996, as Entry No. 96004101 in Book 622 at page 71, records of Uintah County, Utah.
16. Class D Road Map covering Section, recorded February 24, 1998, as Entry No. 98001100 in Book 663 at page 10, records of Uintah County, Utah.
17. Subject to a Class D road running through property. See plat for location.
18. Access is from a Class D road and access may be limited due to county not maintaining road.

representative of the Company to examine, inspect and copy all records, books, ledgers, checks, correspondence and memoranda in the custody or control of a third party, which reasonably pertain to the loss or damage. All information designated as confidential by the insured claimant provided to the Company pursuant to this Section shall not be disclosed to others unless, in the reasonable judgment of the Company, it is necessary in the administration of the claim. Unless prohibited by law or governmental regulation, failure of the insured claimant to submit for examination under oath, produce other reasonably requested information or grant permission to secure reasonably necessary information from third parties as required in this paragraph shall terminate any liability of the Company under this policy as to that claim.

#### 6. OPTIONS TO PAY OR OTHERWISE SETTLE CLAIMS; TERMINATION OF LIABILITY.

In case of a claim under this policy, the Company shall have the following additional options:

**(a) To Pay or Tender Payment of the Amount of Insurance.**

To pay or tender payment of the amount of insurance under this policy together with any costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the insured claimant, which were authorized by the Company, up to the time of payment or tender of payment and which the Company is obligated to pay.

Upon the exercise by the Company of this option, all liability and obligations to the insured under this policy, other than to make the payment required, shall terminate, including any liability or obligation to defend, prosecute, or continue any litigation, and the policy shall be surrendered to the Company for cancellation.

**(b) To Pay or Otherwise Settle With Parties Other than the Insured or With the Insured Claimant.**

(i) Subject to the prior written approval of the Attorney General, to pay or otherwise settle with other parties for or in the name of an insured claimant any claim insured against under this policy, together with any costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the insured claimant which were authorized by the Company up to the time of payment and which the Company is obligated to pay; or

(ii) to pay or otherwise settle with the insured claimant the loss or damage provided for under this policy, together with any costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the insured claimant which were authorized by the Company up to the time of payment and which the Company is obligated to pay.

Upon the exercise by the Company of either of the options provided for in paragraphs 6(b)(i) or (ii), the Company's obligations to the insured under this policy for the claimed loss or damage, other than the payments required to be made, shall terminate, including any liability or obligation to defend, prosecute or continue any litigation. Failure of the Attorney General to give the approval called for in 6(b)(i) shall not prejudice the rights of the insured unless the Company is prejudiced thereby, and then only to the extent of the prejudice.

#### 7. DETERMINATION AND EXTENT OF LIABILITY.

This policy is a contract of indemnity against actual monetary loss or damage sustained or incurred by the insured claimant who has suffered loss or damage by reason of matters insured against by this policy and only to the extent herein described.

(a) The liability of the Company under this policy shall not exceed the least of:

(i) the Amount of Insurance stated in Schedule A; or,

(ii) the difference between the value of the insured estate or interest as insured and the value of the insured estate or interest subject to the defect, lien or encumbrance insured against by this policy.

(b) The Company will pay only those costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in accordance with Section 4 of these Conditions and Stipulations.

#### 8. APPORTIONMENT.

If the land described in Schedule A consists of two or more parcels which are not used as a single site, and a loss is established affecting one or more of the parcels but not all, the loss shall be computed and settled on a pro rata basis as if the amount of insurance under this policy was divided pro rata as to the value on Date of Policy of each separate parcel to the whole, exclusive of any improvements made subsequent to Date of Policy, unless a liability or value has otherwise been agreed upon as to each parcel by the Company and the insured at the time of the issuance of

this policy and shown by an express statement or by an endorsement attached to this policy.

#### 9. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

(a) If the Company establishes the title, or removes the alleged defect, lien or encumbrance, or cures the lack of a right of access to or from the land, or cures the claim of unmarketability of title, all as insured, in a reasonably diligent manner by any method, including litigation and the completion of any appeals therefrom, it shall have fully performed its obligations with respect to that matter and shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused thereby.

(b) In the event of any litigation, including litigation by the Company or with the Company's consent, the Company shall have no liability for loss or damage until there has been a final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction, and disposition of all appeals therefrom, adverse to the title as insured.

(c) The Company shall not be liable for loss or damage to any insured for liability voluntarily assumed by the insured in settling any claim or suit without the prior written consent of the Company.

#### 10. REDUCTION OF INSURANCE; REDUCTION OR TERMINATION OF LIABILITY.

All payments under this policy, except payments made for costs, attorneys' fees and expenses, shall reduce the amount of the insurance pro tanto.

#### 11. LIABILITY NONCUMULATIVE.

It is expressly understood that the amount of insurance under this policy shall be reduced by any amount the Company may pay under any policy insuring a mortgage to which exception is taken in Schedule B or to which the insured has agreed, assumed, or taken subject, or which is hereafter executed by an insured and which is a charge or lien on the estate or interest described or referred to in Schedule A, and the amount so paid shall be deemed a payment under this Policy to the insured owner.

#### 12. PAYMENT OF LOSS.

(a) No payment shall be made without producing this policy or an accurate facsimile for endorsement of the payment unless the policy has been lost or destroyed, in which case proof of loss or destruction shall be furnished to the satisfaction of the Company.

(b) When liability and the extent of loss or damage has been definitely fixed in accordance with these Conditions and Stipulations, the loss or damage shall be payable within 30 days thereafter.

#### 13. SUBROGATION UPON PAYMENT OR SETTLEMENT.

**(a) The Company's Right of Subrogation.**

Whenever the Company shall have settled and paid a claim under this policy, all right of subrogation shall vest in the Company unaffected by any act of the insured claimant.

The Company shall be subrogated to and be entitled to all rights and remedies which the insured claimant would have had against any person or property in respect to the claim had this policy not been issued. If requested by the Company, the insured claimant shall transfer to the Company all rights and remedies against any person or property necessary in order to perfect this right of subrogation. The insured claimant shall permit the Company to sue, compromise or settle in the name of the insured claimant and to use the name of the insured claimant in any transaction or litigation involving these rights or remedies.

If a payment on account of a claim does not fully cover the loss of the insured claimant, the Company shall be subrogated to these rights and remedies in the proportion which the Company's payment bears to the whole amount of the loss.

If loss should result from any act of the insured claimant, as stated above, that act shall not void this policy, but the Company, in that event, shall be required to pay only that part of any losses insured against by this policy which shall exceed the amount, if any, lost to the Company by reason of the impairment by the insured claimant of the Company's right of subrogation.

**(b) The Company's Rights Against Non-insured Obligors.**

The Company's right of subrogation against non-insured obligors shall exist and shall include, without limitation, the rights of the insured to indemnities, guaranties, other policies of insurance or bonds, notwithstanding any terms or conditions contained in those instruments which provide for subrogation rights by reason of this policy.

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**(c) No Subrogation to the Rights of the United States.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Conditions and Stipulations Section 13 (a) and (b), whenever the Company shall have settled and paid a claim under this policy, the Company shall not be subrogated to the rights of the United States. The Attorney General may elect to pursue any additional remedies which may exist, and the Company may be consulted. If the Company agrees in writing to reimburse the United States for all costs, attorneys' fees and expenses, to the extent that funds are recovered they shall be applied first to reimbursing the Company for the amount paid to satisfy the claim, and then to the United States.

**14. ARBITRATION ONLY BY AGREEMENT.**

Arbitrable matters may include, but are not limited to, any controversy or claim between the Company and the insured arising out of or relating to this policy, any service of the Company in connection with its issuance or the breach of a policy provision or other obligation. All arbitrable shall be arbitrated at the option of either the Company or the insured. All arbitrable matters shall be arbitrated only when agreed to by both the Company and the insured.

The law of the United States, or if there be no applicable federal law, the law of the situs of the land shall apply to an arbitration under the Title Insurance Arbitration Rules.

A copy of the Rules may be obtained from the Company upon request.

**15. LIABILITY LIMITED TO THIS POLICY; POLICY ENTIRE CONTRACT.**

(a) This policy together with all endorsements, if any, attached hereto by the Company is the entire policy and contract between the insured and the Company. In interpreting any provision of this policy, this policy shall be construed as a whole.

(b) Any claim of loss or damage, whether or not based on negligence, and which arises out of the status of the title to the estate or interest covered hereby or by any action asserting such claim, shall be restricted to this policy.

(c) No amendment of or endorsement to this policy can be made except by a writing endorsed hereon or attached hereto signed by either the President, a Vice President, the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, or validating officer or authorized signatory of the Company.

**16. SEVERABILITY.**

In the event any provision of the policy is held invalid or unenforceable under applicable law, the policy shall be deemed not to include that provision and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**17. NOTICES WHERE SENT.**

All notices required to be given the Company and any statement in writing required to be furnished the Company shall include the number of this policy and shall be addressed to P.O. Box 45023, Jacksonville, FL 32232-5023.







# United States Department of the Interior



## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Utah State Office

440 West 200 South, Suite 500

Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1345

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February 12, 2014

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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UTU-88491

### MEMORANDUM

To: Office of the Solicitor, Intermountain Regional Office

From: Deputy State Director, Division of Lands and Minerals */s/Roger L. Bankert, Acting*

Subject: Request for Final Opinion of Title  
Land and Water Conservation Fund Purchase in Uintah County  
Felter Parcel, UTU-88491

On January 29, 2014, the BLM acquired a 160-acre parcel of land located in the Pariette Wetlands Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Uintah County, Utah. The land was purchased from David G. and Kathy L. Felter, with Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) inholdings funds. The interest acquired includes the surface estate, the unreserved mineral estate, and two appurtenant water rights.

Please review the following title evidence that has been provided with this request and furnish a final opinion of title:

1. Warranty deed to the United States of America from David G. Felter and Kathy L. Felter, Trustees of the David G. and Kathy L. Felter Property Trust, dated February 19, 2008. The deed was recorded on January 29, 2014 as Entry No. 2014000900.
  - a. The Addendum to Land Deed conveying water rights 47-1513 and 47-1490 to the United States is attached to the warranty deed. This document has been filed with the Utah Division of Water Rights.
2. Copy of Title Insurance Policy No. 44695-2-15210-2014.81005-90675885, issued on January 29, 2014 by Uintah Basin Land Title and Abstract Inc., agent for Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company. The title policy contains 18 exceptions to title, all of which were addressed in the BLM's preliminary title request of September 19, 2013, and determined by the BLM Vernal Field Office Manager to be administratively acceptable to the BLM. Waiver of these items is requested.

3. Copy of the BLM's preliminary title opinion request and the October 29, 2013 approval provided by Attorney-Advisor Chris Morley.
4. Administrative Determination by the Vernal Field Office Manager, documenting that title exception Nos. 1-7, 9-11, 13, and 15-20 (renumbered as Item Nos. 1-18 in the title policy) are administrative acceptable.
5. Copy of the signed escrow instructions and the closing statement for this transaction showing the amount of consideration paid by the United States for the property to be \$400,000.
6. Certificate of Inspection and Possession for the parcel completed by BLM personnel on January 10, 2014. The inspection was performed prior to recording of the deed to ensure that certain conditions noted in the purchase agreement were met and that no Recognized Environmental Conditions remained on the property. The Environmental Site Assessment approved by the BLM Vernal Field Office Manager on September 12, 2013, was provided to you with the request for preliminary title.
7. Map of the acquired parcel.

Your approval of the final title evidence is requested. You may retain the documents contained in the attached folder for your records. Please deliver the approved final title opinion and direct any questions regarding this request to the attention of Joy Wehking, 801-539-4114, [jwehking@blm.gov](mailto:jwehking@blm.gov).

Attachments:

Folder with Title Evidence Documents

(FTO Still Pending Approval)