

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT

- 1. Complete the form below and attach the following documentation:**
 - a. A map of the area intended to be explored**
 - b. A copy of the certificate of fining of the geophysical exploration bond filed with the Montana Secretary of State**
- 2. Contact the Department of Revenue (406-765-2291) before filing the application.**
- 3. Provide the \$5.00 filing fee to the Clerk and Recorder.**

82-1-105. Exploration permit. (1) Upon compliance with the provisions of this section, namely the filing of a notice of intention to engage in the exploration and a certificate or a copy of the certificate from the secretary of state certifying the name and address of the resident agent for service of process for the person, firm, or corporation desiring to engage in the exploration and certifying that the required surety bond has been filed with the secretary of state, the county clerk and recorder shall issue to the person, firm, or corporation a geophysical exploration permit.

(2) The permit must show:

- (a) the name of the person, firm, or corporation and the principal place of business;
- (b) if a firm or corporation, the names and addresses of its officers;
- (c) the name and address of the resident agent for service of process for the person, firm, or corporation;
- (d) that a notice of intention to engage in geophysical exploration has been filed; and
- (e) that a good and sufficient surety bond has been filed by the person, firm, or corporation, naming the surety company and giving its address.

(3) The permit must be signed by the county clerk and recorder or the clerk and recorder's deputy and bear the official county seal. The permit is valid and effective for all geophysical crews of the permittee during the calendar year in which it is issued.

(4) The cost of the permit is \$5 per calendar year or any portion of the calendar year for which issued, and the revenue realized from the permit must go to the county issuing the permit. The funds must be applied toward payment of the cost of printing the permits, which must be printed at the county seat, and excesses must be deposited in the county's general fund.

(5) If printed forms are not available at the time any person, firm, or corporation desires the permit and qualifies for its issuance, a typewritten or other form of reproduction of the permit may be used, the fee of \$5 must still be paid for its issuance, and this fee must be disposed of in the same manner.

(6) The permit or a copy of the permit must be carried by the person or by the agent of the firm or corporation at all times during the period of the geophysical exploration and must be exhibited upon demand of any county or state official.

History: En. Sec. 5, Ch. 235, L. 1955; amd. Sec. 35, Ch. 39, L. 1977; R.C.M. 1947, 69-3305; amd. Sec. 2711, Ch. 56, L. 2009.

GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION PERMIT
Sheridan County, Montana
Calendar Year _____

Know all men by these presents that _____, Permittee,
 whose principal place of business is _____,
 and whose contact phone number is _____.

is granted and permitted the right and privilege to perform geophysical exploration in which the
 seismograph is used along with explosives for determination of geophysical data within
 Sheridan County, Montana, during the calendar year 20___. This permit covers the operation(s)
 of ___ one or ___ two or more geophysical crew(s) of said Permittee.

The names and addresses of the officers of Permittee (if a firm or corporation) are:

name	address	city, state, zip
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name	address	city, state, zip

The name and address of the resident agent for service of process on said Permittee is:

name	address	city, state, zip
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Notice of intention to engage in such geophysical exploration within this County has been duly
 filed by said Permittee with the Sheridan County Clerk & Recorder. A good and sufficient surety
 bond has been filed by said Permittee with the Montana Secretary of State. The surety's name
 and address is:

name	address	city, state, zip
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Said Permittee has filed with the Sheridan County Clerk & Recorder a certificate (or copy thereof) from the Montana Secretary of State showing the designation of resident agent and filing of the required surety bond as above recited. The Permittee has also filed a map showing the area(s) in which they will be working. Permittee must file a map whenever working in an area not previously shown on a previously filed map.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, pursuant to Section 82-1-105, M.C.A., the undersigned has set his hand and hereunto affixed the Official County Seal.

Sheridan County Clerk & Recorder

PERMIT No. _____

 June A Johnson

By: _____
 Deputy

 Date

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION WORK COMPLETION
FORM-MCA 82-1-108**

1. Within 3 months from the day that seismic firing is done, a seismographic company needs to file a record showing each township and range where the work was performed and approximate date.
2. We have a form to use with the documentation for the filing of the completion record.
3. Although Montana Code (below) is not specific about the form that the record should take, we suggest that a map showing the location of the surveyed shot points and dates be submitted. In our experience, companies often prefer to do that up front in case a problem comes up with a landowner.

82-1-108. Filing record of work performed. (1) Within 3 months from the day that any firing of shotpoints in seismic exploration is done by a person, firm, or corporation within this state, the person, firm, or corporation shall file with the county clerk and recorder of the county in which the work was done a record showing each township and range within the county in which the work was performed and the approximate date on which the work was performed.

(2) The person, firm, or corporation shall file with the county clerk and recorder a record showing the location of each shotpoint and date fired within a maximum area of any square, 4-section area of land, upon written request of the county clerk and recorder. The request must be based upon the complaint of a property owner that physical damage to the owner's property has resulted from the use of the seismograph and explosives in seismic operations at some location within the maximum 4-square mile area, and the request must designate the name and address of the complaining person and the approximate date and nature of the alleged damages. The required record of operations in response to the request of the county clerk and recorder must be supplied within 30 days from the date on which the request is received.

History: En. Sec. 6, Ch. 235, L. 1955; R.C.M. 1947, 69-3306; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 201, L. 1979; amd. Sec. 4, Ch. 339, L. 1985; amd. Sec. 2712, Ch. 56, L. 2009.

RECORD OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION WORK PERFORMED

Sheridan County, Montana

Permit # _____

Know all men by these presents that _____, Permittee,
whose principal place of business is _____,
and whose contact phone number is _____.

Has completed intended work designated with Sheridan County Permit # _____ which was
granted to perform geophysical exploration in which the seismograph is used along with
explosives for determination of geophysical data within Sheridan County, Montana, during the
calendar year 20____.

The names and addresses of the officers of Permittee (if a firm or corporation) are:

name	address	city, state, zip
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bond has been filed by said Permittee with the Montana Secretary of State. The surety's name
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Said Permittee has filed with the Sheridan County Clerk & Recorder a certificate (or copy thereof) from the Montana Secretary of State showing the designation of resident agent and filing of the required surety bond as above recited. The Permittee has also filed a map showing the area(s) in which they will be working. Permittee must file a map whenever working in an area not previously shown on a previously filed map.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, pursuant to Section 82-1-108, M.C.A., the undersigned has set his
hand and hereunto affixed the Official County Seal.

Sheridan County Clerk & Recorder

PERMIT No. _____

June A Johnson

By: _____
Deputy

Date

**Office of the
SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

100 West Laurel Avenue
Plentywood, MT 59254
Tel: (406) 765-1660 Fax: (406) 765-2602

ATTENTION SEISMOGRAPH COMPANIES

Personal Property, including equipment used for seismic exploration that is brought into Sheridan County at any time during the year is subject to taxation from the time the equipment enters the state of Montana until the end of that year according to Montana Code Annotated 15-24-301. This equipment must be reported to the Sheridan County Department of Revenue Office here at the courthouse before seismic exploration commences.

For more information about the taxation of seismograph equipment, please contact the Appraisal/Assessment office (Dept. of Revenue) in the lower level of this building or call 406-765-2291.