§ 3730.0–1 Purpose; lands open.

(a) The purpose of the Mining Claims Rights Restoration Act of August 11, 1955 (Act), is to permit the mining, development, and utilization of the mineral resources of all public lands withdrawn or reserved for power development and other purposes, except for lands that:

(1) Are included in any project operating or being constructed under a license or permit issued under the Federal Power Act or other Act of Congress, or

(2) Are under examination and survey by a prospective licensee of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under an uncancelled preliminary permit that has not been renewed more than once.

(b) Locations made under the Act on lands withdrawn or reserved for power development within the revested Oregon and California Railroad and Reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands are also subject to the provisions of the Act of April 8, 1948 (62 Stat. 162). See subpart 3821 of this title.

§ 3730.0–3 Authority.


§ 3731.1 Power rights retained in the United States.

(a) The Act in the first proviso provides as follows:

That all power rights to such lands shall be retained by the United States.

(1) Under this proviso every patent issued for such a location must contain a reservation unto the United States, its permittees or licensees of the right to enter upon, occupy and use, any part of the lands for power purposes without any claim or right to compensation accruing to the locator or successor in interest from the occupation or use of any of the lands within the location, for such purposes. Furthermore, the patent will contain a provision that the United States, its permittees and licensees shall not be responsible or held liable or incur any liability for the damage, destruction, or loss of any mining claim, mill site, facility installed or erected, income, or other property or investments resulting from the actual use of such lands or portions thereof for power development at any time where such power development is