

1 unit area issued under the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437), 1
2 as amended, the parties hereto hereby further agree that Unit Operator shall: 2
3 (a) Conduct all operations authorized by this unit agreement with due regard 3
4 for good land management, not cut or destroy timber without first obtaining 4
5 permission from the authorized representative of the Secretary of Agricul- 5
6 ture, and pay for all such timber cut or destroyed at the rates prescribed 6
7 by such representative; avoid unnecessary damage to improvements, timber, 7
8 crops, or other cover; unless otherwise authorized by the Secretary of 8
9 Agriculture, not drill any well, carry on operations, make excavations, 9
10 construct tunnels, drill, or otherwise disturb the surface of the unit 10
11 area within 200 feet of any building standing on the unit area and whenever 11
12 required in writing by the authorized representative of the Secretary of 12
13 Agriculture to fence or fill all sump holes, ditches and other excavations, 13
14 remove or cover all debris, and so far as reasonably possible, restore the 14
15 surface of the unit area to its former conditions, including the removal 15
16 of structures as and if required, and when required by such representative 16
17 to bury all pipelines below plow depth. 17
18 (b) Do all in its power to prevent and suppress forest, brush or grass fires 18
19 on the unit area and in its vicinity, and to require its employees, con- 19
20tractors, subcontractors, and employees of contractors or subcontractors 20
21 to do likewise. Unless prevented by circumstances over which it has no 21
22 control, place its employees, contractors, subcontractors, and employees 22
23 of contractors and subcontractors employed on the unit area at the disposal 23
24 of any authorized officer of the Department of Agriculture for the purpose 24
25 of fighting forest, brush, or grass fires on or originating on the unit 25
26 area or on adjacent areas or caused by the negligence of the unit operator 26
27 or its employees, contractors, subcontractors and employees of contractors 27
28 and subcontractors, with the understanding that payment for such services 28
29 shall be made at rates to be determined by the authorized representative 29
30 of the Secretary of Agriculture, which rates shall not be less than the 30
31 current rates of pay prevailing in the vicinity for services of a similar 31
32 character: Provided, that if the unit operator, its employees, contractors, 32
33 subcontractors, or employees of contractors or subcontractors, caused or 33
34 could have prevented the origin or spread of said fire or fires, no payment 34