

**General Railroad Right of Way Act of March 3, 1875  
National Data Standard**

**EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES LOCATED WITHIN RAILROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY GRANTED UNDER THE *GENERAL RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ACT OF 1875***

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Upon receipt of request for evaluation or activity identified in a railroad right-of-way (ROW), serialize a case file and enter the following information into case recordation (CR). AC 504 should be used in conjunction with 502 or 503, not both. AC 502, 503, and 504 should not be used for on-site type ROWs, i.e., communication sites that do not have linear facilities. AC 505 should be used only on case groups 287, 288, and 289; AC 506 should only be used in case group 285.

SERIAL NUMBER: Serial Number

PROPRIETOR: Party-in-Interest

CASE TYPE: Any case type in 28

COMMODITY CODES: 969, 970 or 971, 972, 977

INTEREST-RELATIONSHIP: 12 (Party in interest)

**I. RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Action Text</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Enter date information received for evaluation	387	CASE ESTABLISHED	
Enter date information received for evaluation	501	REFERENCE NUMBER	Enter SN hyphen and the serial number ending with a semicolon for associated railroad rights-of-way issued under the General Railroad Act of 1875 in action remarks. If more than one, enter each serial number on a separate entry. EX: SN-XXX123456;
Enter date additional information was requested	104	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED	Optional to identify what was requested to conduct the evaluation. EX: USE OF THE ROW, PURPOSE OF THE ROW, ENG DESIGN STD (Engineering Design Standards). Enter type of information requested and from whom in action or general remarks.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Action Text</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Enter date additional information was received	103	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED	Optional to identify what received to conduct the evaluation. EX: USE OF ROW, PURPOSE OF ROW, ENG DESIGN STD (Engineering Design Standards). Enter the type of information received and from whom in action remarks or general remarks.
Enter date information was provided	502  <OR>  503	LENGTH IN FEET   LENGTH IN MILES	Enter length in action remarks. Use if length is less than 1 mile. Use only for linear ROWs. EX: 100.5;  Enter length in action remarks. Use if length is 1 mile or more. Use only for linear ROWs. EX: 1.4;
Enter date information was provided	504	WIDTH IN FEET (TOTAL)	Enter in action remarks total width, not width from centerline. Use only for linear ROWs, EX: 50;
Enter date information was provided	505	DIAMETER OF PIPE (INCHES)	Use only on pipeline ROWs. Enter in action remarks diameter in inches. EX: 24;
Enter date information was provided	506	POWERLINE VOLTAGE (KV)	Use only on powerline ROWs. Enter in action remarks voltage in kV. EX: For 14,200 volts enter 14.2;
Enter date the evaluation was initiated	101	EVALUATION INITIATED	
Enter date evaluation was completed	105	EVALUATION COMPLETE	

Date	Code	Action Text	Comment
Enter date of notification	107  <OR>  108	NOTIFICATION – BLM AUTHORIZATION NEEDED  NOTIFICATION – BLM AUTHORIZATION NOT REQUIRED	
Enter date case closed	970	CASE CLOSED	<p>Case should only be closed if BLM:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Notifies applicant that BLM authorization is not required; or</li> <li>2) Receives an application requesting authorization for the use (enter serial number for application in action remarks); or</li> <li>3) Initiates an unauthorized use case for the use (enter serial number for unauthorized use case in action remarks)</li> </ol> <p>If BLM authorization is needed or BLM initiates an unauthorized use, enter serial number once the application is received or case established. Enter in action remarks. EX: SN-XXX123456;</p> <p>Case disposition is not relevant to the evaluation. It will be pending until the evaluation is complete and then closed. A warning will come up regarding the case disposition. Proceed with closing the case, ignore the warning.</p>

Additional instructions: Add to the railroad right-of-way case a comment in general remarks (for future/historical cross-reference) the evaluation case and its outcome.

For example:

Enter in the railroad right-of-way case involved, on the next available General Remarks line numbers, a cross-reference to the evaluation case, the type of facility, and the outcome.

THIRD PARTY USE EVALUATION CASE COC12345  
POWERLINE - ROW GRANTED SEE COC65432

or

THIRD PARTY USE EVALUATION CASE COC12345  
POWERLINE - BLM AUTHORIZATION NOT REQUIRED

Cadastral survey review of boundary evidence may be necessary in the evaluation process but is required in accordance with policies and procedures for processing right-of-way cases. Follow policies and procedures outlined in IM 2011-122.