

Top 10 things to consider in surface damage agreements

1. Know the Surface Damage Act
2. Know what factors are considered in SDA evaluations
3. Maintain a (good) relationship with mineral owners
4. Consider drafting a surface use agreement
5. Consider drafting an exploration agreement
6. Document the condition of the property *before* entry
7. Keep good farm records
8. Don't forget restoration issues
9. Brainstorm non-monetary compensation forms
10. Brainstorm what you have that may be of value to the company