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## Overview

Mineral estate

Ownership theories

Oil and gas lease

Granting clause

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# The mineral estate

Property rights and estates

Bundle of sticks in the mineral estate

- Right to develop
- Right to make decisions about exploration and production
- Right to receive bonus
- Right to receive delay rentals
- Right to receive royalties

Property can be severed

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# Oil and gas ownership theories

Ad coelum doctrine

Rule of capture

Oil and gas rights v. oil and gas lease

Ownership in place

Exclusive right to take

Fee simple determinable

Profit a prendre

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