

**NOTICE FOR MOTORIZED PLACER OPERATIONS IN THE
ROYAL GORGE FIELD OFFICE AND ARKANSAS HEADWATERS RECREATION AREA**

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<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>Phone Number _____</p>	<p>This form is commonly utilized for placer operations along the Arkansas River.</p> <p>An individual form has been developed for the Cache Creek Placer Area due to the unique characteristics of that site.</p>
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<p><i>I have read and agree to abide by the attached stipulations and agree to the terms and conditions of this notice. I also understand that I need claim owner permission to access mining claims (form available if needed). I also understand that enforcement of applicable regulations to protect the public health and safety and the environment will be administered by appropriate federal, state, or local authorities.</i></p> <p>Signature (Applicant)</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="right">Date</p> <p>Signature (Authorized Officer)</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="right">Date</p>	<p align="center"><u>BLM Completes this section</u></p> <p>Notice Number: CO-200- 2009 _____ N COC: _____</p> <p>Bonding Amount: _____ <i>(The bonding amount is approved by the BLM based on page two of this form)</i></p> <p>Date Received: _____</p> <p>Date Mailed : _____</p> <p>Expiration Date: <u>September 30, 2010</u></p> <p>Payment Information</p> <p>Type _____</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Initials _____</p>
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Over the Counter Authorization. In most cases, authorization can be obtained at the time of application for public land areas on the Arkansas River. The following thresholds apply to over the counter authorizations.

- In stream (suction dredging) equipment is limited to 4 inch intake nozzle and 8 hp motors.
- On shore (high banking) equipment is limited to a 3 inch intake hose or nozzle and 8 hp in total motor size.
- On shore activities are restricted to either the Woody’s Claim/Point Bar/GPOC area or the west side of the Arkansas River in the Railroad Bridge Area under claim by the Gold Prospectors of Colorado.

Review Level authorization. Notices that exceed the thresholds for over the counter authorization will require a 15 day review period that begins when a complete notice has been submitted. Bonding for review level notices will be determined on a case by case basis.

Plan level Authorization. Any application that is determined to fall under the definition of mining or submitted within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern will be defined as a plan of operations under the 43 CFR 3809 regulations and subject to those parts of the regulations pertaining to a plan of operations as opposed to a notice.

Casual Use Activities include: panning, dry washers, battery operated equipment, and shoreline sluicing. Casual use also includes the use of pumps if water is being recycled. These activities do not require completion of this form.

OPERATION DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

<p align="center">SUCTION DREDGE OR SMALL COMBO Below the high water line</p>	<p align="center">HIGH-BANKER Above the high water line</p>
<p>SUCTION DREDGE (IN WATER OPERATIONS)_____</p> <p>SMALL COMBINATION UNIT (SHORE LINE OPERATIONS)_____</p> <p>ENGINE SIZE (total HP): _____</p> <p>MAXIMUM SUCTION INTAKE HOSE SIZE: _____</p>	<p>HIGH-BANKER (ON SHORE OPERATIONS)_____</p> <p>ENGINE SIZE (total HP): _____</p> <p>MAXIMUM SUCTION INTAKE HOSE SIZE: _____</p>
<p>Claims and Claim groups</p> <p>List out in priority order of use. \$25 for up to three locations.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Claim Name or Claim Group</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Claim Name or Claim Group</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Claim Name or Claim Group</p> <p>Additional locations are \$10. List out below or on attached sheet.</p>	<p>Claims and Claim Groups (commonly listed)</p> <p>\$25 for each site.</p> <p>Point Bar <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Gold Prospector Association of America claims at Rail Road Bridge (west side of river only). <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total Costs for all placer activities _____</p> <p>Note: The West side of the GPAA area at Rail Road Bridge currently does not have public access.</p>
<p>The Royal Gorge Field Office has maps available on site in Canon City and AHRA office in Salida that show various claims and claim groups that are of record along the Arkansas River. Claim information is also available on line at the BLM LR2000 site (http://www.blm.gov/lr2000/)</p>	

Supplemental Information for Review Level Authorization (attach additional sheets for more information)

<p>Location information for other proposed sites</p>	<p>Map included: Yes ___ No ___</p>
<p><i>You will need to include a <u>topographic map</u> with work location marked, a <u>legal land description</u> using township, range and section (s) <u>and claim name and CMC number</u> for all sites other than those listed above for any on shore or high banking activity.</i></p>	<p>Legal land description: (township-range-section)</p> <p>Claim Name and CMC (serial) Number:</p>
<p>Equipment Description:</p>	<p>Access Description: <i>If any improvements are proposed.</i></p>

Conditions of Use

All Placer Activities:

- Streamside (riparian) vegetation shall not be damaged by operations.
- Motorized vehicles are restricted to designated roads and parking areas and shall be kept at least 20 feet from the edge of the stream, and away from wet or muddy areas next to the stream, streamside vegetation, or wetlands.
- Camping and occupancy rules are included.
- On shore excavation locations shall be refilled upon completion of work. If the operator leaves the area for more than a two-day period, all reclamation work must be completed.
- All trash, debris, or other items that were brought to the area, shall be removed to an approved disposal site when work is completed.

Public lands:

- Control erosion and water runoff.
- Take measures to isolate, remove, or control toxic materials.
- Reshape and re-vegetate disturbed areas where reasonable and practicable.
- Rehabilitate fisheries and wildlife habitat where reasonable and practicable.
- Maintain equipment, and other facilities in a safe and orderly manner.
- Do not collect or disturb historic or archaeological resources or sites.
- All operations are required to comply with applicable state or federal regulations pertaining to threatened and endangered species.
- Unnecessary and undue degradation of public lands is not authorized.

Camping:

The camping regulations apply to individuals camping along the river in undeveloped locations and for relatively short durations for recreational purposes. Camping is authorized utilizing standard guidance applicable to public lands along the Arkansas River in cooperation with the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area.

- No person may camp or park a motor vehicle, trailer or camper for more than 14 days in any 45 day period.
- Extensions totaling no more than a maximum of 14 additional days may be provided by authorized AHRA or BLM personnel.
- All campers are required at a minimum to carry and use a portable toilet and fire pan.

All notice level operations

In addition to the standard conditions of use for all activities on public lands, the following are also required for notice level work:

- Notice level operations along the Arkansas River are prohibited between October 1 and March 31 to protect brown trout during the fish spawning period.
- Operations shall not take place within 200 feet of a public water supply intake, fish hatchery intake, irrigation diversion structure, bridge support, developed recreational sites, or boat ramp.

High Banking

- A settling pond or area that prevents direct return of processed water to the river or stream is required for all high banking activities.
- High banking is only authorized in the Point Bar area and the west side of the Arkansas River in the GPAA claims area. **Note: Public access to the west side of the GPAA claim is currently not available (as of 2008)!**
- Disturbance or undercutting of trees is not authorized.

Suction Dredging

- Materials too large in size to be moved by hand or hand held implements shall remain undisturbed.
- Anchorage systems for suction dredging operations shall not span the stream or interfere with the passage of watercraft.
- Gasoline engines must be filled in a manner that prevents spills into the river and fuel stored at least 100 feet from the river.

Small Combo

- Activity restricted to wet sand at the shoreline, below high water mark.
- All notice level, high-banking, and suction dredging stipulations apply.

Attached (Special conditions of use)