

Table 3-22.

**RECORDATION OF MINING CLAIMS, PUBLIC LAW 94-579,
FROM OCTOBER 21, 1976, THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 1999**

Administrative State	Total Claims At Beginning of Fiscal Year	Claims Received During Year	Total at Year End	Active Claims At Beginning Of Fiscal Year <i>/a/</i>	Claims Closed <i>/b/</i>	Claims Held Under FHFC <i>/c/</i>	Active Claims At Year End
Alaska	113,854	330	114,184	10,291	1,193	109	9,187
Arizona	355,592	1,885	357,477	26,745	0	430	22,272
California	274,157	1,476	275,633	28,023	2,712	624	24,521
Colorado	250,034	337	250,371	8,673	898	60	7,351
Eastern States <i>/d/</i>	10,989	0	10,989	55	0	0	26
Idaho	181,281	1,223	182,504	15,203	247	951	16,179
Montana <i>/e/</i>	204,939	1,477	206,416	22,314	3,906	140	13,534
Nevada	769,154	14,686	783,840	126,232	0	1,577	115,081
New Mexico <i>/f/</i>	167,935	728	167,936	9,547	0	43	8,739
Oregon <i>/g/</i>	153,443	678	154,121	11,385	1,834	29	10,192
Utah	352,992	1,306	355,222	12,026	3,792	350	11,136
Wyoming <i>/h/</i>	253,534	415	255,079	16,755	1,750	136	14,325
Total	3,087,904	24,541	3,113,772	287,249	16,332	4,449	252,543

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FOOTNOTES

Note: The data was audited for Fiscal Year 1999 and corrections have been made in columns 2 and 5 concerning claims and sites remaining at the beginning of Fiscal Year 1999.

- /a/ Active means that the subject claim or site is in good standing under the recording, maintenance, and assessment work statutes. It does not refer to any potential activity upon the land contained within the claim or site.
- /b/ Claims declared forfeit or abandoned and void, or null and void, under Public Laws 94-579, 103-66, or 105-277. On October 21, 1998, PL 105-277 (112 Stat. 2681-235) continued a one-time location fee of \$25 and an annual maintenance fee of \$100 per claim or site in lieu of performance of assessment work. Certain “small miners” and mineral patent applicants were exempted and the fees waived. Failure to pay, qualify as a “small miner,” qualify for a waiver, or file necessary documents as required by law or regulation results in statutory abandonment and forfeiture of the affected claim or site (43 CFR 3833.1-6). Claims forfeited or abandoned in one year may be closed out in the following year.
- /c/ Claims held under First Half of the Mineral Entry Final Certificate (FHFC) for a mineral patent application are exempt from the requirements to perform assessment work or to pay the annual \$100 fee (43 CFR 3851.5).
- /d/ Includes all States bordering on, or east of, the Mississippi River.
- /e/ Includes North and South Dakota.
- /f/ Includes Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas.
- /g/ Includes Washington.
- /h/ Includes Nebraska.

Sources: BLM’s automated mining claim recordation systems for the lower 48 States and Alaska; BLM State Office records and working files.