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## **BLM Reminds Miners to File Notice of Intent to Hold by December 31, 2012**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today reminds certain mining claimants that the deadline to file a Notice of Intent to Hold (NOI) their claims or sites is December 31, 2012. Miners who paid maintenance fees for the assessment year ending September 1, 2012, who then elected to file a Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification, or fee waiver, for the 2013 assessment year must now file a NOI for their mining claims or sites. The BLM will accept any filings delivered in person or postmarked on or before Monday, December 31, 2012.

The NOI must be filed in the proper BLM office for the state where the mining claims or sites are located and must include all of the following: (1) A letter or other notice with signatures of one or more claimants or their agent stating the intention to hold the mining claims or sites for the calendar year 2013, and that a notice of intent to hold has or will be filed in the county where the claim or site is located; (2) a statement that a Notice of Intent to Hold is being filed because maintenance fees for the 2012 assessment year were paid and no assessment work was required between September 1, 2011 and September 1, 2012; (3) the name and BLM serial numbers of all mining claims or sites listed on the fee waiver filed by September 1, 2012; (4) any known changes in the mailing addresses of the claimants; and (5) a processing fee of \$10 for each mining claim or site affected.

Claimants who fail to file the required NOI on time will forfeit the affected mining claims or sites. Any questions regarding the NOI requirements should be directed to the Information Access Center in the BLM State Office for the state where the claims or sites are located. A directory of BLM State Offices can be found at:

<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/info/directory.html>

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.