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Mining Claim Fees Due September 1

The Bureau of Land Management today reminds claimants that Fiscal Year 2009 mining claim maintenance and location fees are due on Tuesday, September 1.

A claim maintenance fee of \$140 per claim or site is due for all claims located during FY 2009; location fees are \$34 per claim. If payment is not made by the due date, the BLM will void the claim, unless a small miner waiver is filed and obtained on a timely basis.

Since Fiscal Year 1993, mining claimants staking new claims or sites have been required to pay a one-time location fee. Claimants must also pay an annual “maintenance” fee in lieu of performing annual assessment work and making annual filings.

The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estates throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The BLM 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.

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