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2021 ASSESSMENT YEAR REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL UNPATENTED MINING CLAIMS AND SITES

To maintain ownership of a Federal unpatented mining claim or site, the regulations state for the upcoming 2021 assessment year owners must pay the annual maintenance fee for each claim or site; or those qualifying for a small miner waiver in lieu of paying the maintenance fee to submit a waiver to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado State Office on or before September 1, 2020. Failure to do is a non-curable error will result in the forfeiture of the mining claim or site.

Payments may be verified by running a serial register report in LR2000 at <https://reports.blm.gov/reports/LR2000>.

A required \$165 maintenance fee for the 2021 assessment year is due for each lode claim, mill site or tunnel site. An optional form is available for payments submitted by mail or walk-in at <https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/3830-005-new.pdf>.

A required \$165 maintenance fee for each 20 acres or portion thereof of a placer mining claim is due for the 2021 assessment year as shown in the table below:

Acreage in the Claim	Maintenance Fee Payment Due
<= 20 acres	\$165.00
> 20 acres and <= 40 acres	\$330.00
> 40 acres and <= 60 acres	\$495.00
> 60 acres and <= 80 acres	\$660.00
> 80 acres and <= 100 acres	\$825.00
> 100 acres and <= 120 acres	\$990.00
> 120 acres and <= 140 acres	\$1,155.00
> 140 acres and <= 160 acres	\$1,320.00

An optional form is available for payments submitted by mail or walk-in at <https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/3830-005a-190925.pdf>.

In Person Filings

As part of its response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the BLM has continued to be open for business, but with some limitation on access to certain offices. Following guidance

from the White House, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and state and local public health authorities, we are increasing access and services to BLM-managed public lands, offices and facilities in a phased approach based on regional, state and local conditions. If you wish to pay your fees or file your waiver in person, before visiting the Colorado State Office, please check the website <https://www.blm.gov/alert/blm-colorado-covid-19-updates> to determine our operating status. Further, updates about the overall BLM response to COVID-19 are posted at <https://www.blm.gov/alert/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-response>.

BLM Payment Portal

Maintenance fee payments by credit card, debit card or ACH payment are accepted online through the BLM Payment Portal at <https://payp.blm.gov/eppcore/home>. BLM Payment Portal fees must be submitted before midnight of September 1, 2020 for the 2021 assessment year. The current Treasury limit for credit card payments is \$24,999.99, although there are no Treasury limits for debit card or ACH payments, we recommend contacting your bank to verify any restrictions prior to submitting any payments above this limit. The system will prompt you to print a receipt during the payment process, we recommend you print one for your records. Treasury submits all payments electronically within five days to the appropriate BLM office, upon which the COSO will send you an official receipt by mail.

Small Miner Waiver

To qualify for a small miner waiver from the annual maintenance fee requirement, you and all related parties must hold no more than a total of 10 mining claims or sites nationwide, not including oil shale claims; and All co-claimants must qualify for the small miner waiver.

To request a small miner waiver you must submit a current BLM Form 3830.002 Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification (Expires April 30, 2023) available online at: (https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/3830-002_0.pdf) on or before September 1, 2020 to exempt your claims or sites from the annual maintenance fee requirement for the upcoming 2021 assessment year that is due on the same date. You may have an agent submit a waiver form on your behalf if you file or have filed with BLM a power of attorney or other legal documentation which shows that the agent is acting on your behalf within the last 5 years. There is no processing fee when filing the waiver. Faxed or emailed waivers are not acceptable and will be returned unrecorded.

FLPMA Documents

A FLPMA document may be due depending on your filing situation.

1. If you filed a waiver for the 2020 assessment year (last year before September 1, 2019), you must complete the filing as follows:
 - For mining claims, you must perform \$100 of assessment work on each claim listed on the waiver during the 2020 assessment year (September 1, 2019 – September 1, 2020); and file an affidavit of labor by December 30, 2020 listing each claim for which you are attesting to having performed that work along with a \$15 per claim processing fee. A form is available online at <https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/3830-004.pdf>.

For mining sites you must file a notice of intent to hold listing all mining sites you hold, and stating you are not required to perform assessment work per the regulations, along with a \$15 per site processing fee by December 30, 2020. The BLM does not have a NOI form.

2. If you file a small miner waiver for the upcoming 2021 assessment year (by September 1, 2020) and you paid the maintenance fee for the last assessment year, being the 2020 assessment year (or the claim was located in the last assessment year), a notice of intent to hold along with a \$15 per claim/site processing fee is due by December 30th immediately following the filing of the small miner waiver.

The Andy Senti Public Lands Information Center (COSO Public Room) is open (with COVID related restrictions) from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and available by telephone during these hours at 303-239-3600.