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Certificate of Location

Bureau of Land Management

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Let's file a mining claim…

- Choose an area that you are interested in mining.
- Take that specific area and identify a township, range and section (surface management maps in public room show you who manages the surface, i.e.: private, BLM, USFS).
- Review the Master Title Plat (MTP) and Historical Index (HI) to determine ownership of the land and if the land is open to mineral entry (https://nvapps.blm.gov:9991/landrecords/).
- Make sure no one has a prior right to the area you want to claim. You can use LR2000 for this (www.blm.gov/lr2000).
- Make sure you staked your claim boundaries in accordance with Nevada state laws (www.leg.state.nv.us).

Put it in writing…..

- Federal regulations at 43 CFR 3833.1 state: "Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) requires you to record all mining claims & sites with the State office of the BLM and the local recording office…". *(county recorder)*

- You do this by providing a Certificate of Location (COL).

- What is a Certificate of Location (COL) and why do you need one?
- Where do you find information on how to fill out the forms and under what authority?
- What information do you have to put on the form?
- What happens if you make a mistake on your COL?
- How, Where, When do you file a COL for your new claim?
- How much does it cost to file a COL?

What is a COL & why do I need one?

- The Certificate of Location is the backbone of the mining claim file.
- Puts the public on notice that you have staked a claim on a specific piece of ground.
- Allows Federal and State entities a means of tracking claims/sites on public lands.
- Federal law requires recordation of mining claims on federal land.

43 CFR 3833.11

Where are the forms and what information is required?

- There are state approved Certificate of Location forms.

  (http://minerals.nv.gov/Programs/Mining/Claims/)

- If you choose to prepare your own document it must contain the following required information:

  - Name & current mailing address of each locator.
  - Date of location.
  - Type of claim/site.
  - Name or number, or both of claim/site.
  - A complete description of the lands you have claimed as required in part.

43 CFR 3833.11 & 3832.12

43 CFR 3832.12(a)

All claims and sites. You must describe the land by state, meridian, township, range, section, and by aliquot part to the quarter section. To obtain the land description, you must use an official survey plat or other U.S. Government map that is based on the surveyed or protracted U.S. Public Land Survey System. If you cannot describe the land by aliquot part (*e.g., the land is unsurveyed*), you must provide a metes and bounds description that fixes the position of the claim corners with respect to a specified claim corner, discovery monument, or official survey monument. In all cases, your description of the land must be as compact and regular in form as reasonably possible and should conform to the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions as much as possible.

43 CFR 3832.12(a)

Name & Address of Locator(s)

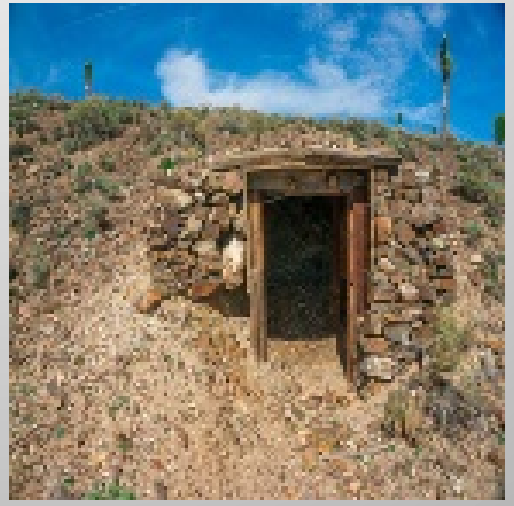
- All the locators of the claim must be stated on the COL with addresses listed for each of them.
- Even if the address is the same (reside at same address) as another locator, it must still be set out on the COL for each locator.
- You can have an Agent that will act/sign for all the locators, however that does not negate the address requirement of each locator.
- If you are the Agent for the locators you must indicate your capacity next to your name and it will be reflected in our LR2000 system as such. i.e.: John Doe, Agent.

Date of Location

- The date of location is the date that you made your discovery or located your claim.
- The date you file your COL must be <u>within 90 days of your location date</u>. If you file your COL on day 91, your filing will be rejected.
- If you send in your COL by mail, then we will honor the official postmark date, if it is <u>within the 90 day</u> period from your date of location, and the BLM receives it within 15 days after the due date.
- Seniority is based on “location date” NOT filing date…if you do not provide a location date we will use the date you signed your COL as your “location date of record”.

Types of Claims or Sites

- Lode Claims
- Placer Claims
- Mill Sites
- Tunnel Sites



Lode Claim

Veins, lodes, ledges, or other rock in place; not to exceed 1500 ft. by 600 ft. (300 ft on each side of the middle of the vein/lode) COL must state the quarter section and it must be accompanied by a narrative or map/sketch describing the location and position of the claim accurately enough for BLM to identify the claim on the ground.

43 CFR 3832.21(a)

Placer Claim

- River sands or gravels; rock not in original place; may not exceed 20 acres per individual claimant; maximum size is 160 acres, all locators must be identified; claim must be contiguous*; if in a surveyed township must be described by aliquot part or complete lots, down to the acreage size.

- If in un-surveyed township that has a protracted survey of record the claim must be described by aliquot part if located in a section projected as 640 acres. If the acreage is anything other than 640 acres the placer claim should be described by a metes and bounds description.

- All un-surveyed land in Nevada has a protracted diagram**.

*parcels side by side, or end to end. Corners are not considered contiguous.
**in surveyed or unsurveyed lands there are a few exceptions.

43 CFR 3832.21(b)

Placer Claim… continued

- Gulch or Bench placer claims can be described by metes and bounds.
- Portion of a Lot: Claims should be described by metes and bounds; however the metes and bounds description cannot cross into the aliquot part description.
- Claims that are bounded by other mining claims (patented or unpatented) or bounded by non-mineral land could be described by a metes and bound description.

Please state the reasons for the exemption on your COL or in a letter.

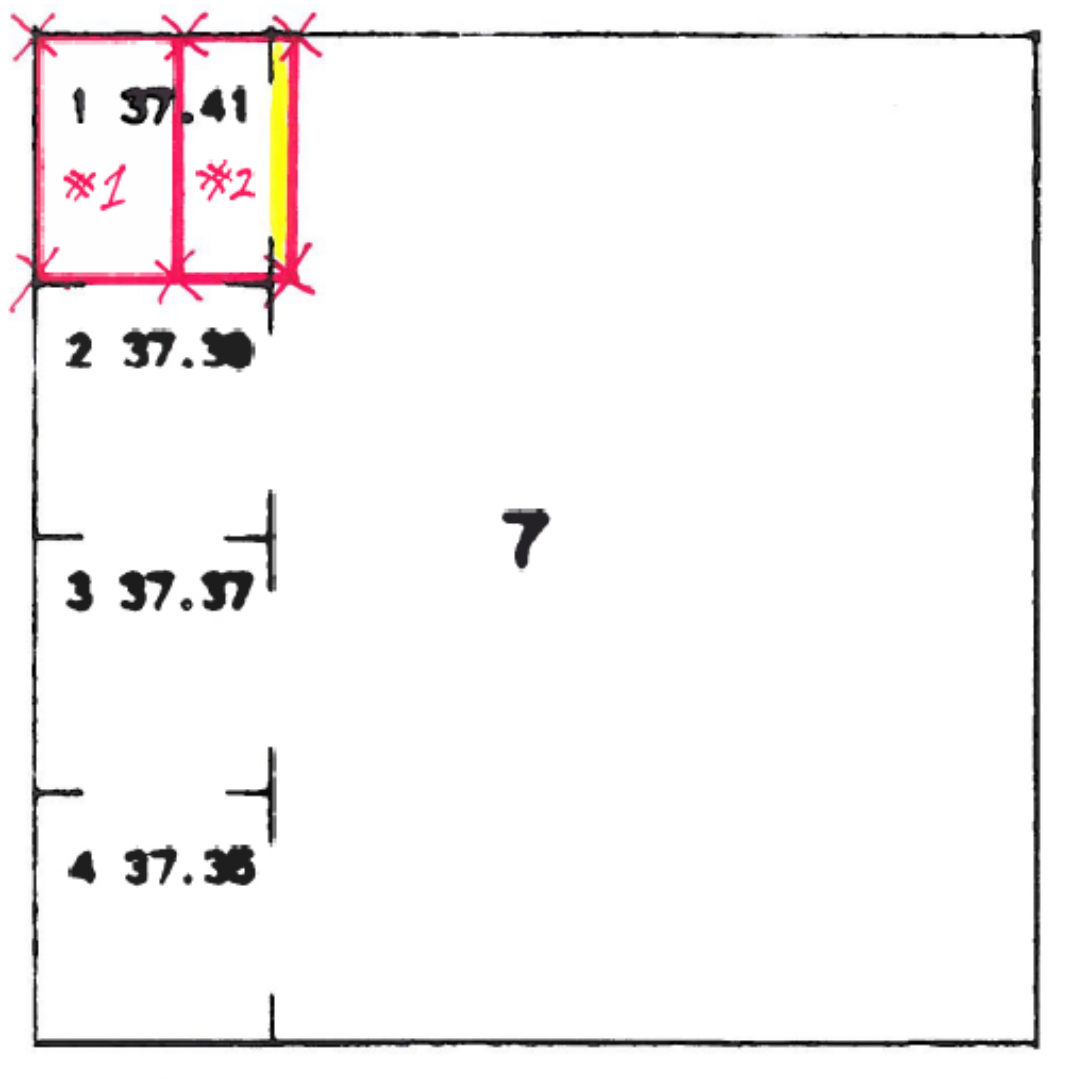
Placer Claim… continued

- Acreage: each person or business entity may locate up to 20 acres.
- Conformity: claims must conform as near as practicable with public land surveys, and the rectangular subdivisions of such surveys.
- Compactness: claims must be as compact and regular in form as reasonably possible.

Example: Placer claim in Portion of Lots

Claim #1 is listed as 20 acres using a metes and bounds description.

Claim #2 is listed as 20 acres using a metes and bounds description, but this claim should be 17.41 acres. Claim #2 cannot cross into an aliquot part.

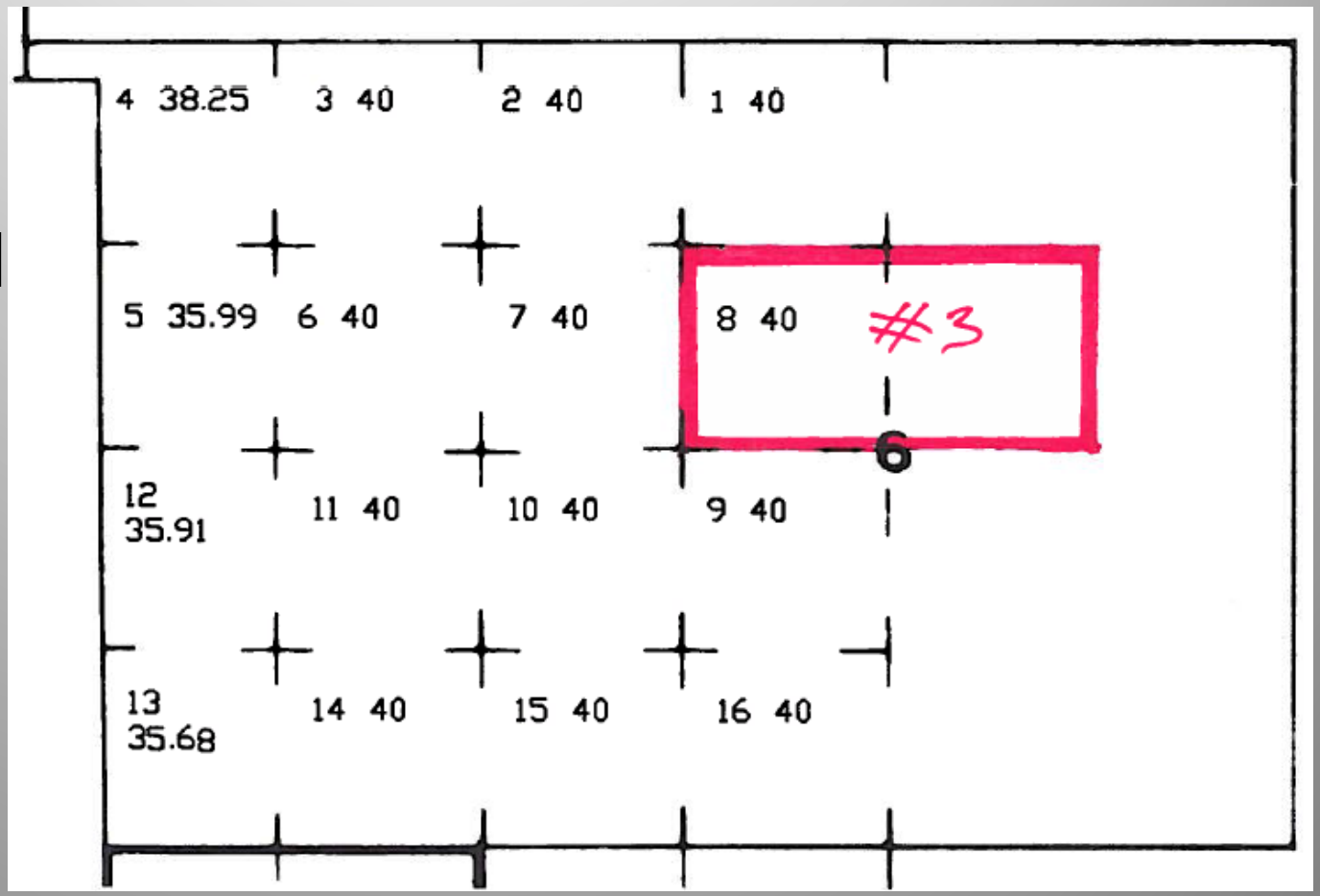


Example: Placer claim in Complete Lot & Aliquot Part

The description for this would be:

Lot 8 and SW1/4NE1/4.

Total of 80 acres.



Mill Site

Non-mineral land not contiguous to vein or lode used for activities related to mineral development of associated lode or placer, or for independent milling or reduction; not to exceed 5 acres. Description of the location of the site can be by either metes and bounds or aliquot part.

43 CFR 3832.31 & 3832.33

Tunnel Site

Subsurface right-of-way used for access to lode claims or exploration for undiscovered lodes; not to exceed 3000 ft. in length with a radius of 1500 ft.

You must file a Lode Claim if you make a discovery in order to have rights to those minerals.

43 CFR 3832.41

Name of Claim/Site

- Your COL must state the name of your claim or site.
- Keep it simple in order to make it easier to do searches in LR2000.

Location of claim/site-Legal description and size of claim

- Placer claims should be described in Aliquot Part (AP) down to the actual acreage amount of claim i.e.: a 20 acre claim would be described as S ½ NW1/4 NW1/4, a 40 acre claim would be NW1/4 NW1/4.

- The legal description on the COL for the lode claim must state the legal description down to the quarter section, the map page will further describe and set out the coordinates for the claim itself.

- Exceeding acreage/size limits will result in a Notice being sent out to the claimant asking for an amendment to reduce the size/acreage of the claim. Non-compliance or no response to the Notice will result in the claim being declared forfeit and void.

Describing a Lode Claim

The following Document contains no Personal Information as defined by NRS 603A.040

CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
LODE MINING CLAIM

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Name and mailing address of locator:

_____
_____
_____

RECORDER'S STAMP

located the _____ Lode Mining Claim in the following quarter section(s):

1/4	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
				MDB&M
				MDB&M
				MDB&M
				MDB&M

in _____ County, Nevada, on the _____ day

The Claim is approximately _____ feet long and _____
are claimed in a _____ direc
discovery (monument of location), at which the Notice of Loca
feet on each side of the monument of location and center line of
lode or vein is from the _____ to the _____ directio

The number, location and markings on each corner monument a

	Location	Markings
No. 1:		
No. 2:		
No. 3:		
No. 4:		

As erected on the ground each corner monument is marked by _____
(metal tags, paint, etc.)

The undersigned certifies that work of location included making a claim map as provided in NRS 517.040.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

By _____ _____
Locator or Agent Signature (circle one) — Locator or Agent Name (printed)

Suggested Form - Nevada Division of Minerals (REV. 8-27-2015)
Nevada Lode Certificate of Location - NRS 517.050

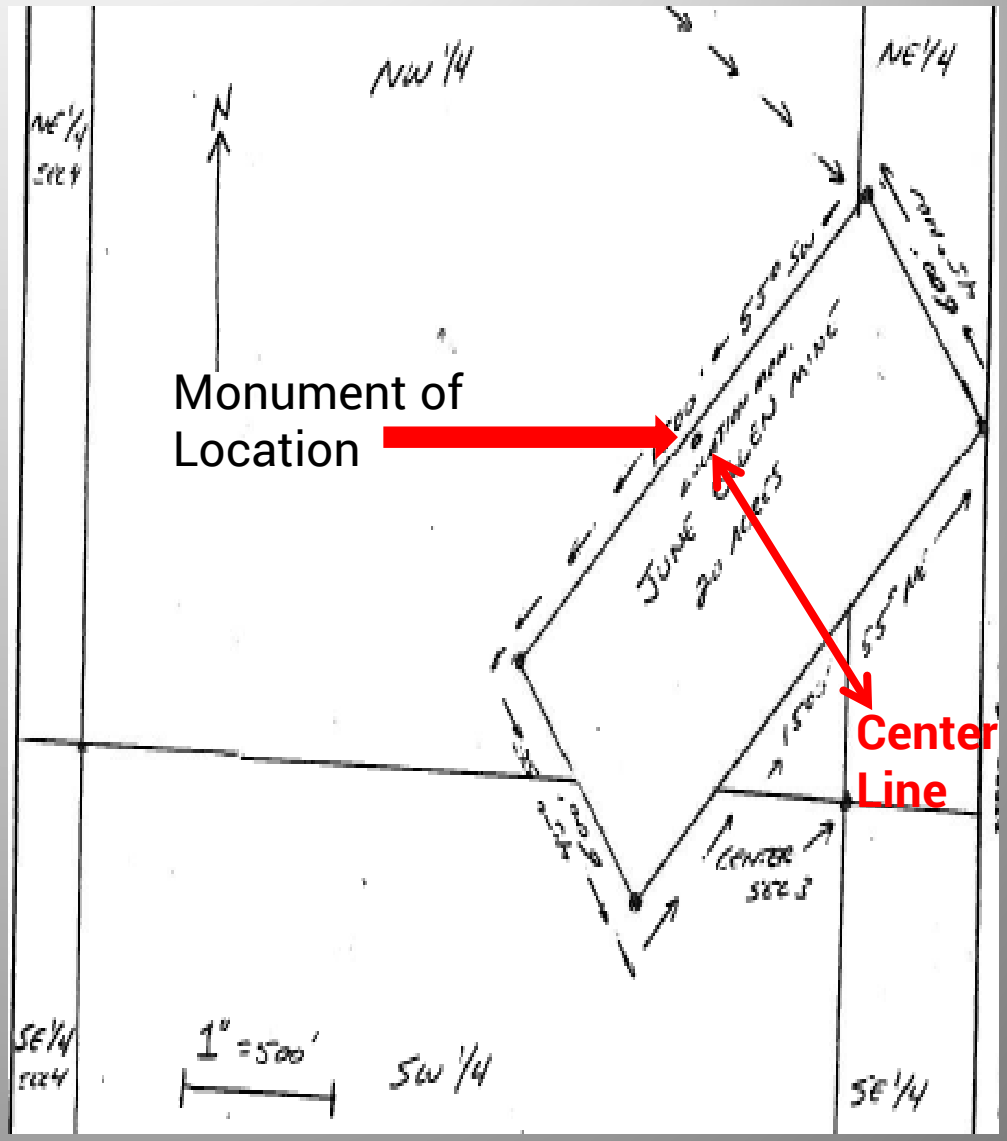
The Claim is approximately _____ feet long and _____ feet wide, such that _____ feet are claimed in a _____ direction and _____ feet in a _____ direction from the point of discovery (monument of location), at which the Notice of Location was posted, together with _____ feet on each side of the monument of location and center line of the Claim. The general course of the lode or vein is from the _____ to the _____ direction.

The Description Box on a COL.

This is where you put the claim on paper.

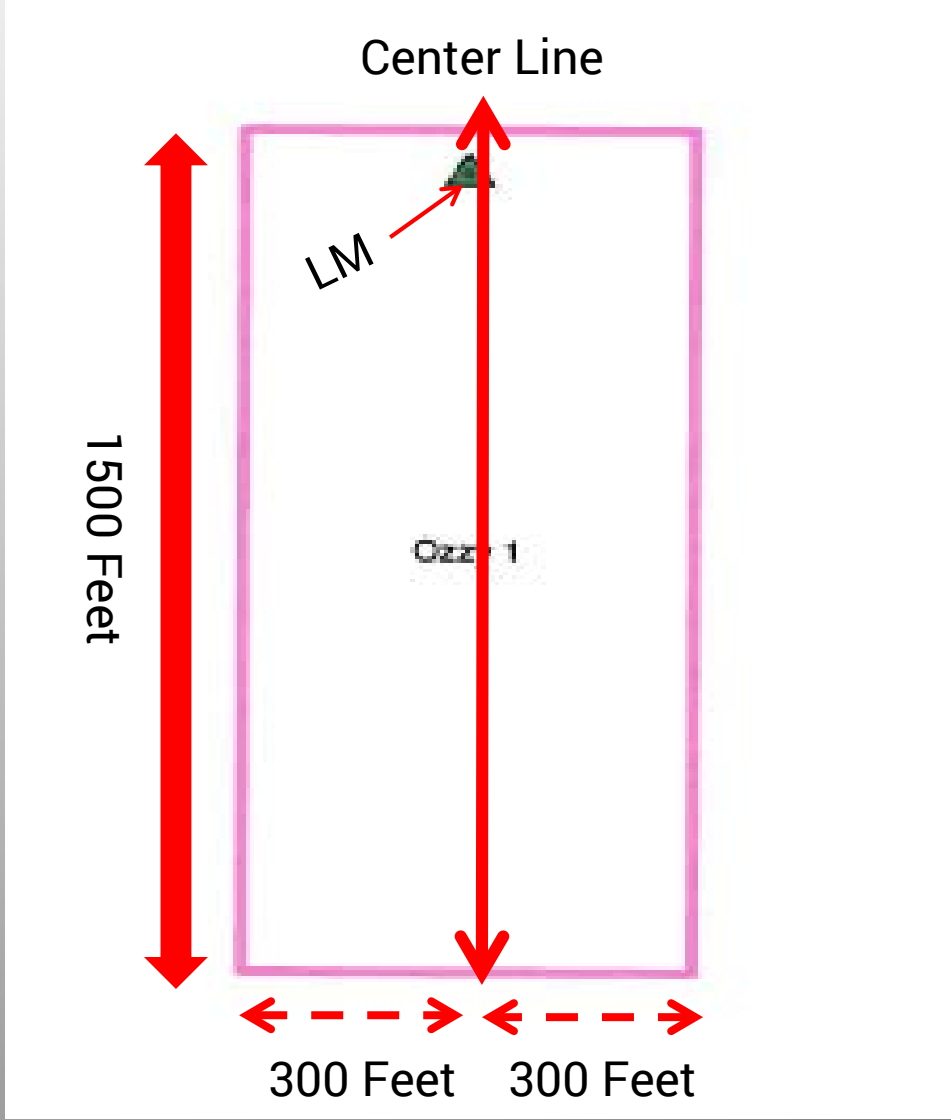
Incorrectly Described Lode Claim

The claim is approximately 1500 feet long and 600 feet wide, such that 590 feet are claimed in a South direction and 10 feet in a North direction from the point of discovery (monument of location), at which the Notice of Location was posted, together with **750** feet on each side of the monument of location and center line of the claim. The general course of the lode or vein is from the **SE** to the **NE** direction.



Correctly Described Lode Claim

The claim is approximately 1500 feet long and 600 feet wide, such that 10 feet are claimed in a North direction and 1490 feet in a South direction from the point of discovery (monument of location), at which the Notice of Location was posted, together with **300** feet on each side of the monument of location and center line of the claim. The general course of the lode or vein is from the North to the South direction.



Filing a COL for a new claim/site:

- The date you file your new claim/site with BLM and the County recorder MUST be within 90 days of the location date stated on the COL.
- You can file a copy of the original COL that you filed with the County with us, and record the original with the County Recorders' office.

43 CFR 3832

New Claim Filing Fees

- The current (2019) filing fee for a new lode claim, mill site, tunnel site, or 20 acre placer mining claim is $212.00, broken down as follows:
  - $20.00 non-refundable processing fee
  - $37.00 location fee
  - $155.00 ***initial*** year maintenance fee
  - The initial maintenance fees for Placer claims are calculated at $155.00 per 20 acres or portion thereof, in addition to the processing and location fees.

43 CFR 3830.20

Current Filing Fees for New Placer Claims containing more than 20 acres

- $20 Non-refundable Processing Fee.
- $37 Location Fee.

- ***Initial*** Year Maintenance Fee is calculated as follows:

  - $310 > 20.01 acres through 40 acres.
  - $465 > 40.01 acres through 60 acres.
  - $620 > 60.01 acres through 80 acres.
  - $775 > 80.01 acres through 100 acres.
  - $930 > 100.01 acres through 120 acres.
  - $1,085 > 120.01 acres through 140 acres.
  - $1,240 > 140.01 acres through 160 acres.

Bridge Claims/Sites

- 'Bridge' Claims/Sites are located before Sept. 1st and are then recorded with the BLM on or after Sept. 1st.
- They fall within two Assessment Years (AY).
- If you locate a new lode claim on Aug. 1st and record it on Oct. 1st, the filing fees are: $20 processing fee, $37 location fee, $155 maintenance fee for AY2018, and $155 maintenance fee for AY2019.

Bridge Claims/Sites Continued…

- Maintenance fees for the upcoming assessment yr must be paid within 90 days of the Date of Location.
- If you want to file a waiver for the claim, you will need to file it at the time you record your claim with the BLM.
- We strongly recommend that you pay all filing fees at the time you record your claim with the BLM.

That gives you a brief overview of the process of filing a Certificate of Location for your new claim.

The following screens will review and narrate the completion of a Certificate of Location for Placer and Lode Mining Claims as well as a Mill Site.

43 CFR 3800

Certificate of Location Lode Mining Claim

Enter all qtr secs that claim lies in

90 days to file

…such that 1450' N, 50' S ..**from mon loc**

Describe all 4 corners/markings/ posts/rock pile, etc.

43 CFR 3832.12(a) & (b)

The following Document contains no Personal Information as defined by NRS 603A.040

CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
LODE MINING CLAIM

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Name and mailing address of locator:

_____
_____
_____

RECORDER'S STAMP

located the _____ Lode Mining Claim in the following quarter section(s):

1/4	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
_____	_____	_____	_____	MDB&M
_____	_____	_____	_____	MDB&M
_____	_____	_____	_____	MDB&M
_____	_____	_____	_____	MDB&M

in _____ County, Nevada, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

The Claim is approximately _____ feet long and _____ feet wide, such that _____ feet are claimed in a _____ direction and _____ feet in a _____ direction from the point of discovery (monument of location), at which the Notice of Location was posted, together with _____ feet on each side of the monument of location and center line of the Claim. The general course of the lode or vein is from the _____ to the _____ direction.

The number, location and markings on each corner monument are as follows:

	Location	Markings	Description
No. 1:	_____	_____	_____
No. 2:	_____	_____	_____
No. 3:	_____	_____	_____
No. 4:	_____	_____	_____

As erected on the ground each corner monument is marked by _____
(metal tags, paint, etc.)

The undersigned certifies that work of location included making a claim map as provided in NRS 517.040.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

By _____ _____
Locator or Agent Signature (circle one) — Locator or Agent Name (printed)

Suggested Form - Nevada Division of Minerals (REV. 8-27-2015)
Nevada Lode Certificate of Location - NRS 517.050

- Lode claim qtr section provided.
- Distance is from the location monument.
- This one is on a State approved form.

43 CFR 3832.12(a) & (b)

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CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
LODE MINING CLAIM

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Name and mailing address of locator:
Nathaniel Osborn
1340 Financial Blvd
Reno, NV 89502

RECORDER'S STAMP

located the Ozzy 1 Lode Mining Claim in the following quarter section(s):

1/4	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
SE	16	19N	20E	MDB&M
				MDB&M
				MDB&M
				MDB&M

in Washoe County, Nevada, on the 27th day of April, 20 16.

The Claim is approximately 1500 feet long and 600 feet wide, such that 10ft feet are claimed in a North direction and 1490ft feet in a South direction from the point of discovery (monument of location), at which the Notice of Location was posted, together with 300 feet on each side of the monument of location and center line of the Claim. The general course of the lode or vein is from the North to the South direction.

The number, location and markings on each corner monument are as follows:

	Location	Markings	Description
No. 1:	NE Corner	NEC 1	2in x 2in x 4ft Wood Post
No. 2:	NW Corner	NWC 2	2in x 2in x 4ft Wood Post
No. 3:	SW Corner	SWC 3	2in x 2in x 4ft Wood Post
No. 4:	SE Corner	SEC4	2in x 2in x 4ft Wood Post

As erected on the ground each corner monument is marked by Paint
(metal tags, paint, etc.)

The undersigned certifies that work of location included making a claim map as provided in NRS 517.040.

Dated this 10th day of May, 20 16.

By *Nathaniel Osborn*
Locator or Agent Signature
(circle one)

Nathaniel Osborn
Locator or Agent Name (printed)

Suggested Form - Nevada Division of Minerals (REV. 8-27-2015)
Nevada Lode Certificate of Location - NRS 517.050

Lode Claim on form claimant created.

All the information required is here.

CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
NEVADA-LODE MINING CLAIM

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that MinQuest Inc., whose address is 4235 Christy Way, Reno, NV. 89519, has located and claimed the **MIII** Lode Mining Claim in the following quarter section(s):

SW 1/4, Section 3, Township 26N, Range 52E, MDB&M,

in Eureka County, Nevada, on the 1st day of May, 2012.

SAID CLAIM IS A LODE CLAIM, it being situated in the above mentioned County and State, and is approximately 1500 feet long and 600 feet wide, such that 20 feet is claimed in a West direction and 1480 feet in an East direction from the point of discovery (monument of location), at which the Notice of Location was posted, together with 300 feet on each side of the monument of location and center line of the Claim. The general course of the lode or vein is from North to South.

THE NUMBER, LOCATION, AND MARKINGS On each monument are as follows:

Location	Markings	Description
No. 1 Northeast corner,	diagram, metal tag,	2"x2"x4' wooden post
No. 2 Southeast corner,	diagram, metal tag,	2"x2"x4' wooden post
No. 3 Southwest corner,	diagram, metal tag,	2"x2"x4' wooden post
No. 4 Northwest corner,	diagram, metal tag	2"x2"x4' wooden post

A CLAIM MAP as required by NRS 517.040 is included as part of the work of location.

DATED this 18th day of June, 2012

RICHARD KERN

BY: _____
Agent

Certificate of Location Placer Mining Claim

ALL locators-name & address

Enter qtr section

90 days to file

AP description to match acreage

43 CFR 3832.12(a) & (c)

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CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
PLACER MINING CLAIM LOCATED BY ALIQUOT PART OF RECTANGULAR SURVEY

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Name and mailing address of locator:

_____
_____
_____

RECORDER'S STAMP

located the _____ Placer Mining Claim

in the following quarter section(s):

1/4	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
				MDB&M
				MDB&M
				MDB&M
				MDB&M

in _____ County, Nevada, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

The monument of location is located on the north boundary of the Claim, as follows:

The Placer Claim is approximately _____ feet in the _____ direction and _____ feet in the _____ direction, being the _____ (legal subdivision) of the above described section. Said Placer Claim contains _____ acres, more or less.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20___.

_____
Locator or Agent Signature (circle one)

_____
Locator or Agent Name (printed)

Suggested Form - Nevada Division of Minerals (REV. 8-27-2015)
Nevada Placer Certificate of Location - NRS 517.110
Located by Aliquot Part of Rectangular Survey

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Placer Claim –
Aliquot Part description.

Location date –vs-
filing date – 90 days.

The AP description
matches the acreage
amount of claim.

More accurate description
means less chance of top
filing.

43 CFR 3832.12(a) & (c)

The following Document contains no Personal Information as defined by NRS 603A.040

CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
PLACER MINING CLAIM LOCATED BY ALIQUOT PART OF RECTANGULAR SURVEY

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Name and mailing address of locator:
Nathaniel Osborn
1340 Financial Blvd
Reno, NV 89502

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located the Ozzy 2 Placer Mining Claim

in the following quarter section(s):

1/4	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
SE	16	19N	20E	MDB&M
				MDB&M
				MDB&M
				MDB&M

in Washoe County, Nevada, on the 26th day of April, 20 16.

The monument of location is located on the north boundary of the Claim, as follows:

A 2in x 2in x 4ft wooden post at the NW corner.

The Placer Claim is approximately 1320ft feet in the N/S direction and 660ft feet in the E/W direction, being the W1/2NWSE (legal subdivision) of the above described section. Said Placer Claim contains 20 acres, more or less.

Dated this 10th day of May, 20 16.

Nathaniel Osborn
Locator or Agent Signature (circle one)

Nathaniel Osborn
Locator or Agent Name (printed)

Suggested Form - Nevada Division of Minerals (REV. 8-27-2015)
Nevada Placer Certificate of Location - NRS 517.110
Located by Aliquot Part of Rectangular Survey

Certificate of Location Mill Site

Mill Sites can be located by either of the two methods previously shown.

You will insert the name of the claim(s) related to site or you write independent.

The following Document contains no Personal Information as defined by NRS 603A.040

CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
MILL SITE

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Name and mailing address of locator:

_____
_____
_____

located the _____ Mill Site in the following quarter section(s):

RECORDER'S STAMP

1/4	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
				MDB&M
				MDB&M
				MDB&M
				MDB&M

in _____ County, Nevada, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Said locator is the proprietor or owner of the _____ (un)patented mining claims generally located in _____ County, Nevada.

The Mill Site is approximately _____ feet in the _____ direction and _____ feet in the _____ direction. Said Mill Site contains _____ acres, more or less.
The monument of location is located as follows:

The number, location and markings on each corner monument are as follows:

	Location	Markings	Description
No. 1:			
No. 2:			
No. 3:			
No. 4:			

As erected on the ground, each corner monument is marked as described above by _____ (e.g. metal tags, paint, etc).

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

_____
Locator or Agent Name Signature (circle one)

_____
Locator or Agent Name (printed)

Suggested Form - Nevada Division of Minerals (REV. 8-27-2015)
Nevada Mill Site Certificate of Location - NRS 517.140

43 CFR 3832.33

Filing of COL not necessarily final step…..

You received your receipt for payment along with a copy of your COL with your Nevada Mining Claim number (NMC) stamped on it.

ISSUANCE OF A SERIAL NUMBER (NMC) DOES NOT MEAN EVERYTHING IS OKAY WITH YOUR LOCATION

At a later date, a land status determination will be done to ensure the claim/site is located on federal land open to mineral entry AND that your filing is complete and in accordance with current federal regulations.

If you filed your COL properly you will see a notation in LR2000 that says *Land Status Checked*. You will not get notification of a properly filed COL.

There are two types of errors…….

- If there are problems/issues with your COL then you will get either a Decision or a Notice.
- If a FATAL ERROR is found, such as exceeding the 90 day filing deadline or locating on private lands or lands that have been withdrawn or closed to mineral entry, a **DECISION** will be issued declaring the claim Null & Void, and a refund will be issued for the location fee and the initial maintenance fee.
- If a CURABLE ERROR is found, a **NOTICE** will be issued to you and you will be granted 30 days to correct the error by filing an Amended COL or map.
- *a “no response” will be deemed the same as a no compliance and the claim will be considered “abandoned and void” and will be closed on our records.

43 CFR 3830.91 & 3830.94

You CAN amend for CURABLE errors such as to:

- Correct the legal land description (LLD).
- Reduce the size of your claim.
- Change the name of your claim.
- Clarify boundary lines or monument locations.
- Typos in the name, legal land description or any part of the COL.

Provided that BLM recognizes the original location as a properly recorded and maintained mining claim or site.

Amended COLs…..

The only document you have to record first with the county, before filing with us, is an **Amended COL.** An Amended COL must have the county recorder's stamp on it before we will consider it properly filed. There is a $15.00 per claim non-refundable processing fee for amendments. There is no charge to file an amended map with BLM.

If the amendment is due to a Notice that you received from BLM due to a ***curable* defect** in the original COL, you will only have **30 days from receipt*** of the Notice to get the amendment filed with both the county and BLM.

If you discover an error and amend without getting a notice from BLM, you have 90 days from the date you record the amendment with the county to get it filed with BLM.

* The BLM has no authority to give extensions to this date.

43 CFR 3833.22(a) & 3830.94 (b)

You CANNOT amend your COL to:

- Transfer or add interest/ownership in claim.
- Increase the size of your claim or site.
- Change the type of claim you are filing.
- Move your claim on the ground (you can adjust your boundary or orientation of your lode claim to follow the vein-provided your location monument does not change).
- Relocate or Reestablish claims forfeited.

43 CFR 3833.21(b)

In Conclusion…..

- Pick out your area for mining and get it to a meridian, township, range, section (MTRS) & quarter section description;
- Do your research on the status of the land;
- Stake your claim following state laws;
- Complete your COL and map pursuant to regulations…double check for errors and content prior to recording and filing to save money & time on amendments.
- We are here to assist with any questions you may have when preparing your Certificate of Location and your Maps. The staff in the I.A.C. (Public Room) are also here to assist you with any questions you may have in completing these forms.