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Mining Claim Filing and Fee Requirements

NEW CLAIM/SITE FILING

| DOCUMENT NEEDED | DATE DUE | CHARGE/FEE |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Certificate of Location Including Map | Within 90 days of Location | 1) \$25/Claim/Site – Processing Fee 2) \$49/Claim/Site – Location Fee 3) \$200/Lode Claim/Mill or Tunnel site – Maintenance Fee 4) \$200 for each 20 acres of a Placer Claim or part thereof |

Note: For those new claims located prior to September 1, but filed with the BLM after September 1, the annual maintenance fee for the upcoming assessment year is required in addition to the new claim fees and Certificate of Location.*

*Unless a waiver of maintenance fee is filed with the new claim Certificate of Location and notice of intent to hold is filed on or before December 30 – see below

AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION (COL)

| DOCUMENTS NEEDED | DATE DUE | CHARGE/FEE |
|---|--|---|
| Amended Certificate of Location Submitted COL must show county recordation | Within 90 days of county recordation or as required in the Notice Letter | \$15 per claim or site Write “Amended” and the Serial Number at the top of the COL |

NOTICE OF INTENT TO LOCATE (NOITL) Stock-Raising Homestead Act

| DOCUMENTS NEEDED | DATE DUE | CHARGE/FEE |
|---|---|---|
| NOITL form, map, proof of surface Ownership, proof of notification | No due date; segregation becomes effective when received by the BLM | \$40 per form Used only on Stock-Raising Homestead Act Lands |

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ANNUAL FILING: MAINTENANCE FEE PAYMENT

Payable for Upcoming Assessment Year

| DOCUMENTS NEEDED | DATE DUE | CHARGE/FEE |
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| Maintenance Fee Payment Form for Lode Claims, Mill Sites, and Tunnel Sites | September 1 st , unless submitted with the COL at the time of new claim recordation with the BLM, but within 90 days of location date | \$200 per Lode Claim, Mill Site, or Tunnel Site |
| OR | | OR |
| Maintenance Fee Payment Form for Placer Mining Claims | | \$200 for each Placer Claim, and each 20 acres or part thereof |

ANNUAL FILING: MAINTENANCE FEE WAIVER CERTIFICATION

Filed for Upcoming Assessment Year

This is only available if EACH claimant has 10 or fewer claims nationwide.

Requires an Affidavit of Assessment Work (Proof of Labor) OR a Notice of Intent to Hold (NOI) by December 30th

| DOCUMENTS NEEDED | DATE DUE | CHARGE/FEE |
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| Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification | September 1 st , unless submitted with the new COL at the time of new claim recordation with the BLM, but within 90 days of location date | None |
| Must Have original signatures of all claimants; Federal Form 3830-002 required; no electronic filing | | |

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ANNUAL FILING: AFFIDAVIT OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT WORK (PROOF OF LABOR)

Backward-looking document

Relates to the Waiver filed in the previous calendar year

| DOCUMENTS NEEDED | DATE DUE | CHARGE/FEE |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|
| Affidavit of Assessment Work (Proof of Labor) | December 30 th | \$15 per claim |

ANNUAL FILING: Notice of Intent to Hold (NOI)

For Current Calendar Year

Only filed in the first calendar year that a Waiver is filed; always filed for sites if a Waiver is filed

| DOCUMENTS NEEDED | DATE DUE | CHARGE/FEE |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Notice of Intent to Hold (NOI) | December 30 th | \$15 per claim |

TRANSFER OF INTEREST (QUITCLAIM DEED)

| DOCUMENTS NEEDED | DATE DUE | CHARGE/FEE |
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| Quitclaim Deed, Bill of Sale, or Similar | No due date, but should be filed soon after signing | \$15 per claim per transferee |

RELINQUISHMENT

| DOCUMENTS NEEDED | DATE DUE | CHARGE/FEE |
|--------------------------|---|------------|
| Letter of Relinquishment | No due date, becomes effective when received by BLM | None |