

On October 1, 2018, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) implemented an updated fee schedule to recover costs incurred in the processing of documents related to oil, gas, coal, and solid minerals activities on public land. The fee schedule appears in the September 28, 2018 *Federal Register*.

The updated fees cover costs for processing actions including some actions for mining claims such as amendments of location, transfers of mining claims/sites, recording of an annual Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), filing, and deferments of assessment work.

The BLM updates the fee schedule each year based on changes in the Implicit Price Deflator for Gross Domestic Product (IPD-GDP), as determined by the U.S. Department of Commerce. The IPD-GDP reflected a small increase this year; as a result, and due to a specific rounding process associated with determining the new values, 8 mining law administration fees increased.

The fees that increased are:

Action	Increase
Amendment of location	\$10 to \$15
Transfer of mining claim or site	\$10 to \$15
Recording of an annual FLPMA filing	\$10 to \$15
(affidavit of assessment work or notice of	
intent to hold)	
Deferment of assessment work	\$110 to \$115
Application to open lands to location	\$10 to \$15
Mineral patent adjudication with more than	\$3,110 to \$3,215
10 claims	
Mineral patent adjudication with ten or fewer	\$1,555 to \$1,605
claims	
Adverse claim	\$110 to \$115