



United States Department of the Interior  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Washington, DC 20240  
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**REMINDER \*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\* REMINDER**  
**MINING CLAIM AND SITE FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017**

If you hold unpatented mining claims or sites on Federal lands, your annual maintenance fee payments or maintenance fee waiver certification, Form 3830-2, (waiver) are due on or before September 1, 2016, for the 2017 assessment year. Failure to timely pay the fee or file the waiver in the proper BLM office will subject your claims or sites to forfeiture by operation of law.

**MAINTENANCE FEE PAYMENT AMOUNT REQUIRED:** The maintenance fee for a lode claim, mill site or tunnel site is \$155 per claim or site. The fee for placer claims is \$155 for each 20 acres of the claim or portion thereof. For instance, if a placer claim contains 70 acres, you must pay \$620 for the maintenance fee (\$155 for each 20 acres + \$155 for 10 acres).

**WHERE TO PAY OR FILE:** If paying or filing through the mail or in person, you must make your payments or file your waiver **in the BLM State Office** of the state where your claims or sites are located. For claims or sites located in Alaska, payments and waivers may also be made at the Fairbanks Alaska office. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY PAYMENTS OR WAIVERS TO THE WASHINGTON, D. C. OFFICE.** A list of State Offices can be found at: <http://www.blm.gov/lr2000/links.htm>.

For maintenance fee payments, you may also conveniently pay your fee with a credit or debit card online (except for claims or sites in Alaska) at <https://www.blm.gov/payportal/home.html>. Payments made online must be made on or before midnight, September 1, 2016, Eastern Daylight Time. If paying online, there is no need to send any notification to the BLM State Office that manages your claims or sites. Treasury limits apply to credit card payments ([http://www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fee\\_processing\\_news.jsp](http://www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fee_processing_news.jsp)) and even though there are no Treasury limits for debit card payments, you should contact your bank to verify any restrictions they may have for debit card payments. Within a few weeks after you successfully pay for your claims or sites online, you will receive confirmation of your payment along with a receipt from the BLM State Office where your claims or sites are recorded. Approximately five days after you make an online payment, you can also verify that your payment was received and recorded by running a report of your claims or sites at <http://www.blm.gov/lr2000/>.

**Waiver Requirements:** You may file the waiver if you and all related parties own 10 or fewer claims or sites nationwide on September 1, 2016. Form 3830-2 (copy attached) must be used and must contain **original signatures** of each owner and include each claimant's individual current **mailing** address. If an agent signs the waiver on your behalf, you must have a **current notarized** designation that the agent is authorized to sign on your behalf. This designation should be submitted with your waiver if not already on file with the BLM, or it is recommended to update the one on file with the BLM if it is over three (3) years old. There is no processing fee when filing the waiver. If you filed a waiver for the 2016 assessment year, you must also file and pay the following on or before December 30, 2016, to complete that filing:

- For placer or lode claims, an affidavit of assessment work (proof of labor) attesting that you performed at least \$100 worth of labor to make improvements on each of your claims, during the 2016 assessment year. A \$10 processing fee for each claim listed is also required to be submitted with your filing; and/or
- For mill sites and tunnel sites, a notice of intent to hold, along with a \$10 processing fee for each site.

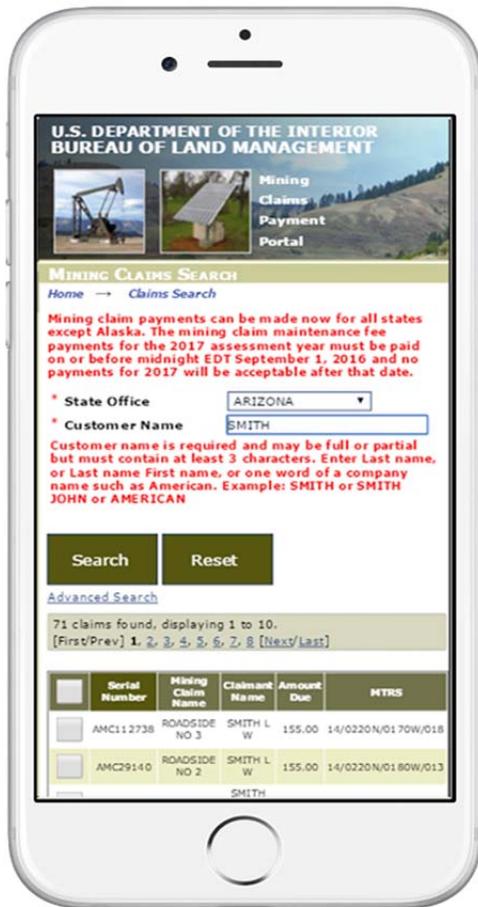
Forms can be found online at <http://www.blm.gov/noc/st/en/business/eForms.html>. Even though the proof of labor and/or notice of intent to hold are not due until on or before December 30, 2016, we highly recommend they be submitted, along with the required processing fees, at the same time you file your waiver for 2017 (due on or before September 1, 2016).



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## ANNOUNCEMENT



### NEW PAYMENT PORTAL FEATURE

Starting in June, 2016, BLM customers can begin to use the new mobile Payment Portal system for making online mining claim and site maintenance fee payments. The system will function exactly like it does on your computer with the added benefit of allowing you to search for, select, and pay for your mining claims and sites on almost any mobile device.

To access the Payment Portal on your mobile phone or tablet, simply open a web browser and type in [www.blm.gov/payportal](http://www.blm.gov/payportal). Alternately, you can type "BLM Payment Portal" into any search engine to find and open the website.

Once the website opens up on your phone, you will be able to search for and make payments in the same way that you do on your computer.

Please call your BLM State Office or enter a help desk ticket if you have questions or need assistance with this new feature.

*Disclaimer: Additional data charges from your mobile service provider might apply.*



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
**MAINTENANCE FEE WAIVER CERTIFICATION**

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1004-0114  
Expires: October 31, 2016

*SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2*

1. This small miner waiver is filed for the assessment year beginning on September 1, 2016 and ending on September 1, 2017.
2. The undersigned and all related parties owned ten or fewer mining claims, mill, or tunnel sites located and maintained on Federal lands in the United States of America on September 1, 2016.
3. The undersigned have performed the assessment work required by law for each mining claim listed prior to filing this waiver and understand that by filing this form, the undersigned must file an affidavit of assessment work with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) by the December 30th following the filing of this waiver.
4. The undersigned understand that if the assessment work obligation has not yet come due under 30 U.S.C. 28 (for those claims in their first assessment year only), a notice of intent to hold reciting this condition must be recorded by the December 30th following the filing of this waiver.
5. The undersigned understand that mill and tunnel sites may also be listed on this waiver and be waived from payment of the maintenance fee, and that a notice of intent to hold for these sites is required to be filed with the BLM by the December 30th following the filing of this waiver.
6. The undersigned understand and acknowledge that pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1212 and 18 U.S.C. 1001, the filing or recording of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent document with the BLM may result in a fine of up to \$250,000, a prison term not to exceed five years, or both.
7. The mining claims, mill or tunnel sites for which this waiver from payment of the maintenance fees is requested are:

CLAIM OR SITE NAME	BLM RECORDATION SERIAL NUMBER
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The owner(s) (claimants) of the above mining claims and sites are:

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(Owner's Name - Please Print)	(Owner's Signature)		
_____	_____	_____	_____
(Owner's Mailing Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
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_____	_____	_____	_____
(Owner's Name - Please Print)	(Owner's Signature)		
_____	_____	_____	_____
(Owner's Mailing Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
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(Owner's Name - Please Print)	(Owner's Signature)		
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(Owner's Mailing Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
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(Owner's Name - Please Print)	(Owner's Signature)		
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18 U.S.C. 1001 and 43 U.S.C. 1212 make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This certification is made under the provisions of 43 U.S.C. § 1744 and 30 U.S.C. §28-28k and the regulations thereunder (43 CFR Part 3830).
2. The claimant(s) must fill in the dates in paragraph 1 for the beginning and ending of the assessment year for which this waiver is sought.
3. The claimant(s) must fill in the date in paragraph 2 for the beginning of the assessment year for which this waiver is sought.
4. All claim and site names and BLM serial numbers must be listed for the mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites for which the waiver is sought.
5. All owners of the mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites and their addresses must be given.
6. This waiver form must be signed by all the claimants or their designated agent, in original form. If an agent is designated, a notarized designation of agent, signed by all of the claimants with proper address given, must be submitted with this waiver.
7. This form must be filed no later than September 1st for the upcoming assessment year in the BLM State Office where the mining claims or sites are recorded, or the waiver cannot be granted by the BLM. (Example: To obtain a waiver for the assessment year 2012, which begins on September 1, 2011, you must qualify for and file for a waiver no later than September 1, 2011, in the proper BLM State Office.)
8. For all mining claims which require assessment work, you must record an affidavit of labor on or before the December 30th immediately following the filing of this waiver. For all other mining claims or sites waived, you must record a notice of intent to hold on or before the December 30th immediately following the filing of this waiver.
9. Mill and tunnel sites may also be listed on this waiver and be waived from payment of the maintenance fee. A notice of intent to hold for these sites is required to be filed by the December 30th following the filing of this waiver.

*FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY*

## NOTICES

**The Privacy Act** and 43 CFR 2.48(d) require that you be furnished the following information in connection with the information requested by this form.

**AUTHORITY:** 30 U.S.C. 28f and 43 CFR part 3835 permit collection of the information requested by this form.

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** The BLM will use the information you provide to verify that the owner(s) (claimants(s)) of a mining claim has/have complied with 30 U.S.C. 28f and 43 CFR part 3835 and is/are entitled to perform assessment work in lieu of paying the maintenance fee for the mining claims listed on this form.

**ROUTINE USES:** The BLM will only disclose this information in accordance with the provisions at 43 CFR 2.56(b) and (c).

**EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:** Disclosure of the requested information is required by 30 U.S.C. 28f and 43 CFR part 3835 for those claimants qualified to request the small miner waiver allowed. Failure to submit all the requested information or to complete this form will delay the BLM's processing of the form and may preclude the BLM's acceptance of the maintenance fee waiver request, which may result in forfeiture of the mining claim or site by the claimant.

**The Paperwork Reduction Act** requires us to inform you that:

The BLM collects this information to determine whether or not you are qualified for waiver of maintenance fees.

Submission of the requested information is necessary to obtain or retain a benefit.

You do not have to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**BURDEN HOURS STATEMENT:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. You may submit comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (1004-0114), Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Mail Stop 401 LS, 1849 C St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.





## INSTRUCTIONS

1. This is an optional form that may be used to satisfy the requirements for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under the provisions of 43 U.S.C. §1744 and 30 U.S.C. §28f and the regulations thereunder (43 CFR part 3834). Since local and State laws may vary, you should contact your local and State agencies where the claims are located to ensure all applicable laws and requirements are satisfied.
2. This form should be used to pay the maintenance fee for lode mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites only. To pay the maintenance fee for placer mining claims, use Form 3830-5a.
3. Complete the section for the number of claims and the amount being remitted to the BLM.
4. Enter the year in paragraph 2 for the applicable assessment year.
5. List all mining claim or site names and the BLM serial number associated to the claim or site, if the BLM has notified you what the serial number is. Every attempt should be made to include the current BLM serial number for each claim or site listed.
6. The name and current mailing addresses of the person paying the maintenance fee(s) should be listed at the top of the form. If this is a change of address for a claimant, that should also be noted.
7. If needed, an additional sheet can be used to continue listing claim and site names and BLM serial numbers, or the name and current mailing address of additional claimants.
8. If paying by credit card, you must complete the following credit card information on page 3: (a) exact name on the face of the credit card; (b) amount paid; (c) type of card; (d) credit card number; (e) expiration date of the card; and (f) telephone number. You must also sign on page 3 to show authorization to charge the credit card.

## NOTICES

**THE PRIVACY ACT** and 43 CFR 2.48(d) require that you be furnished with the following information in connection with the information requested by this form.

**AUTHORITY:** 30 U.S.C. 28f and 43 CFR part 3834 permit collection of the information requested by this form.

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** The BLM will use the information you provide to record the annual maintenance fee payment for the claims and sites listed and to verify that payment has been made in accordance with 30 U.S.C. 28f and 43 CFR part 3834.

**ROUTINE USES:** The BLM will only disclose this information in accordance with the provisions at 43 CFR 2.56(b) and (c).

**EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:** Disclosure of the requested information is required by 30 U.S.C. 28f and 43 CFR part 3834 for claimants paying the annual maintenance fee. The use of this specific form when paying the maintenance fee is optional. However, when paying the maintenance fee, it is the requested information on this form that is required to be submitted along with the fee. Failure to submit all the required information will delay the BLM's processing of the information and may preclude the BLM's acceptance of the maintenance fee payment, which may result in forfeiture of the mining claim(s) or site(s) by the claimant.

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:**

Exact name as shown on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Card:  VISA  MASTERCARD  DISCOVER  AMERICAN EXPRESS

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

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Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 43 U.S.C. 1212 make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

**NOTE TO BLM EMPLOYEES: DETACH THIS PAGE BEFORE FILING THIS FORM IN APPLICABLE CASE FILES.**



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
**MAINTENANCE FEE PAYMENT FORM  
FOR PLACER MINING CLAIMS**

Remitter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this is a change of address.

**FOR COUNTY RECORDER'S USE**

No. of claims \_\_\_\_\_

Total due BLM \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1. The maintenance fee may be paid by cash, check, money order, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Declining Deposit Account, or credit card (VISA, American Express, Discover, or MasterCard). Payments must be remitted to the BLM State Office where your claim or site is recorded and received on or before September 1. If the payment is mailed, the envelope must be postmarked by a bona fide delivery service on or before September 1 and received at the proper BLM State Office within 15 calendar days after the due date. Payments may also be made by telephone using a credit card. A complete listing of BLM State Offices with their addresses and phone numbers can be found at <http://www.blm.gov>.
2. The maintenance fee for the following claim(s) applies to the assessment year 2017.

CLAIM NAME	BLM SERIAL NO.	ACRES IN CLAIM	PAYMENT DUE TO THE BLM (See Instructions on Page 2)

Use a separate sheet for additional claim names, serial numbers, and claimant names and addresses.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This is an optional form that may be used to satisfy the requirements for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under the provisions of 43 U.S.C. §1744 and 30 U.S.C. §28f and the regulations thereunder (43 CFR part 3834). Since local and State laws may vary, you should contact your local and State agencies where the claims are located to ensure all applicable laws and requirements are satisfied.
2. This form should be used to pay the maintenance fee for placer mining claims only. To pay the maintenance fee for lode mining claims, mill sites or tunnel sites, use Form 3830-5.
3. Complete the section for the number of claims and the amount being remitted to the BLM.
4. Enter the year in paragraph 2 for the applicable assessment year.
5. List all mining claim names and the BLM serial number associated to the claim if the BLM has notified you what the serial number is. Every attempt should be made to include the current BLM serial number for each claim listed. List the acreage for each claim and the amount due based on the acreage. See the chart below for amounts due.
6. The maintenance fee for placer mining claims is paid for every 20 acres of the claim **or portion thereof**. When making a maintenance fee payment for your placer claim, you should make your payment in accordance with the following chart:

Number of acres in the claim	Maintenance Fee Payment Due Per Claim
<= 20 acres	\$155
> 20 acres but <= 40 acres	\$310
> 40 acres but <= 60 acres	\$465
> 60 acres but <= 80 acres	\$620
> 80 acres but <= 100 acres	\$775
> 100 acres but <= 120 acres	\$930
> 120 acres but <= 140 acres	\$1,085
> 140 acres but <= 160 acres	\$1,240
> 160 acres	Contact the BLM

Legend: > means greater than; < means less than; = means equal to

7. The name and current mailing addresses of the person paying the maintenance fee(s) should be listed at the top of the form. If this is a change of address for a claimant, that should also be noted.
8. If needed, an additional sheet can be used to continue listing claim names, BLM serial numbers, acres in claim, payment due or the name and current mailing address of additional claimants.
9. If paying by credit card, you must complete the following credit card information on page 4: (a) exact name on the face of the credit card; (b) amount paid; (c) type of card; (d) credit card number; (e) expiration date of the card; and (f) telephone number. You must also sign page 4 to show authorization to charge the credit card.

**NOTICES**

**THE PRIVACY ACT** and 43 CFR 2.48(d) require that you be furnished with the following information in connection with the information requested by this form.

**AUTHORITY:** 30 U.S.C. 28f and 43 CFR part 3834 permit collection of the information requested by this form.

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** The BLM will use the information you provide to record the annual maintenance fee payment for the claims listed and to verify that payment has been made in accordance with 30 U.S.C. 28f and 43 CFR part 3834.

**ROUTINE USES:** The BLM will only disclose this information in accordance with the provisions at 43 CFR 2.56(b) and (c).

**EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:** Disclosure of the requested information is required by 30 U.S.C. 28f and 43 CFR part 3834 for claimants paying the annual maintenance fee. The use of this specific form when paying the maintenance fee is optional. However, when paying the maintenance fee, it is the requested information on this form that is required to be submitted along with the fee. Failure to submit all the required information will delay the BLM's processing of the information and may preclude the BLM's acceptance of the maintenance fee payment, which may result in forfeiture of the mining claim(s) by the claimant.

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:**

Exact name as shown on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Card:  VISA  MASTERCARD  DISCOVER  AMERICAN EXPRESS

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

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Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Title 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 43 U.S.C. 1212 make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.**

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**AFFIDAVIT OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT WORK**

**WHEN RECORDED, MAIL DOCUMENT TO:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY, STATE, ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR COUNTY RECORDER'S USE**

No. of Claims \_\_\_\_\_

x \$10/claim

Total due BLM \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

1. The undersigned certifies that at least \$100 per claim was expended for development, labor and improvements, or equivalent value added, as the annual assessment work for the assessment year ending September 1, \_\_\_\_\_ for the following contiguous unpatented mining claim(s), located in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, in the State of \_\_\_\_\_.

BLM Serial No.	Name of Claim	Tp	Rg	Sec	Mer	County Recordation Book and Page No.	Co. Recording Date

2. Type of labor and improvements (specify what was done and give the total value for that labor and improvement to show at least \$100 for each claim). If a geological, geochemical, or geophysical survey was performed, as per 30 U.S.C. 28-1, reference the title of the report of survey, give cost and date of the survey and report, and indicate it was filed with the County Recorder:

Description of Work Performed	Value of Work Performed	Date Work Was Performed

3. Name and mailing address of each person who performed the labor and improvements:

**Name (please print)**

**Current Mailing Address (please print)**

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4. Name and mailing address of each person who holds and claims the subject mining claim(s) for the valuable minerals contained therein. Be sure to indicate if there is a change of address:

**Name (please print)**

**Current Mailing Address (please print)**

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5. The undersigned testifies that on the date of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, all monuments required by law were erected upon the subject claim(s), and all notices required by law were posted on the subject claim(s) or copies thereof were in place, and at said date, each corner monument bore or contained

markings sufficient to appropriately designate the corner of the claim to which it pertains and the name of the claim(s).

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ that the foregoing statements are true and correct:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of person responsible for above statement)

Title 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 43 U.S.C. 1212 make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

### *Notary Block*

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO** before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Affiant)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This is an optional form that may be used to satisfy the requirements for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under the provisions of 43 U.S.C. §1744 and 30 U.S.C. §28-28d and the regulations thereunder (43 CFR part 3835). Since local and State laws may vary, you should contact your local and State agencies where the claims are located to ensure all applicable laws and requirements are satisfied.
2. The claimant(s) must fill in the date in paragraph 1 for the applicable assessment year and the county and state where the claims are located.
3. All claim names, BLM serial numbers, legal descriptions, and original county recording information must be listed for the claims pertaining to this assessment notice.
4. The claimant(s) must complete paragraph 2 listing all labor or improvements which was performed on or did benefit the subject mining claims. The value and date of the labor or improvements must also be listed. The total amount of labor or improvements can be listed, but the total expenditure must equal at least \$100 for each claim.
5. The names and current mailing addresses of the person(s) performing the labor shall be listed in paragraph 3.
6. The name and current mailing address of each owner (claimant) of the claims shall be listed in paragraph 4. The mailing address shall be the owner's address and not the address of an agent or anyone representing the claimant. Be sure to note if there has been a change of address.
7. Paragraph 5 shall be completed to show the date it was verified that all monuments required by law were properly erected, all notices were posted, and that corners were appropriately designated for all claims listed.
8. An exact legible reproduction or duplicate (other than microfilm or other electronic media) of this affidavit or another type of affidavit of assessment work that you file or will file in the county where each claim is located, must be filed with the BLM on or before December 30 of the calendar year in which the assessment year ends. For mill or tunnel sites, a separate notice of intent to hold must be filed with the BLM on or before December 30. Requirements for filing a notice of intent to hold can be found at 43 CFR 3835.33.
9. A processing fee of \$10 for each claim listed must be remitted to the BLM along with this or any other affidavit of assessment work.

## NOTICES

**THE PRIVACY ACT** and 43 CFR 2.48(d) require that you be furnished with the following information in connection with the information requested by this form.

**AUTHORITY:** 30 U.S.C. §28-28d and 43 CFR part 3835 permit collection of the information requested by this form.

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** The BLM will use the information you provide to document compliance with 43 U.S.C. 1744 and that assessment work has been completed in accordance with 30 U.S.C. § 28-28d and 43 CFR part 3835 in lieu of paying the maintenance fee for the mining claims listed on this form.

**ROUTINE USES:** The BLM will only disclose this information in accordance with the provisions at 43 CFR 2.56(b) and (c).

**EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:** Disclosure of the requested information is required by 30 U.S.C. § 28-28d and 43 CFR part 3835 for claimants qualified to perform assessment work in lieu of paying the maintenance fee. Failure to submit all the requested information or to complete this form will delay the BLM's processing of the form and may preclude the BLM's acceptance of the assessment work information, which may result in forfeiture of the mining claim(s) by the claimant.

**THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT** requires us to inform you that:

Use of this form is optional. You must perform assessment if a waiver to pay the maintenance fee has been requested. This form is provided to help you attest that annual assessment work has been completed in lieu of paying the maintenance fee for your claim(s). Submission of the requested information is necessary to obtain or retain a benefit.

You do not have to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**BURDEN HOURS STATEMENT:** The estimated public reporting burden for this form is 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. You may submit comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (1004-0114), Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C Street, N.W., Room 2134LM, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Mountain Bluebird



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Ladder-Backed Woodpecker



Western Flycatcher

Western Meadowlark



**Request to  
Mining Claimants  
on Federal Land  
Help Eliminate  
Hazards to Birds  
and Other Wildlife**



BLM/MO/GI-13/001+3800+REV15  
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## Open-Pipe Mining Claim Markers Pose a Threat to Birds and Other Wildlife

Open-pipe mining claim markers, such as polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipes, can be lethal to migratory birds and other wildlife. Small animals, particularly birds, mistake the openings of these markers as hollow areas suitable for roosting, nesting, or a way to gather together to pool body heat. Once inside, these animals become trapped by the smooth, narrow wall of the pipe, which prevents them from grappling their way back up or extending their wings to fly out. Death from dehydration or starvation follows. Cactus wrens, mountain bluebirds, western meadowlarks, flycatchers, and woodpeckers have all been found within open-pipe mining claim markers. While not all mine claims are marked with pipes, the existing open-pipe markers pose a threat to birds and other wildlife in many states.

## Replace Markers to Prevent Unnecessary Deaths of Birds and Other Wildlife

The BLM and its partners request the help of mining claimants to prevent the death of wildlife, including some birds that are protected by the Migratory Bird

Treaty Act. You can prevent unnecessary deaths of birds and other wildlife by removing, replacing, or remediating all open-pipe markers on your active mining claim or site. Even if you did not use open-pipe markers to locate your mining claim or site, these markers may have been left on your claim by previous mining claimants.

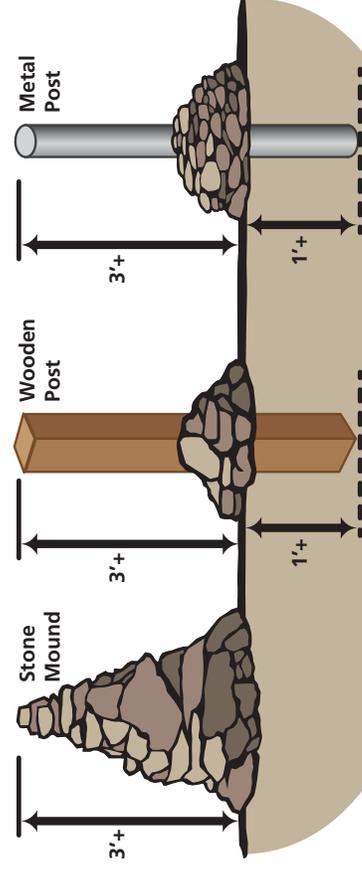
### What You Can Do to Help

- **REPLACE** all open or PVC pipes marking your active mining claim or site with wildlife-safe markers. All of the markers in Figure 1 are wildlife-safe. Be sure to consult state law to verify which wildlife-safe markers are allowable where your mining claim or site is located.
- **REMEDiate** open-pipe markers, if immediate replacement is not possible and your state still allows this type of marker. To remediate open-pipe markers and reduce the chances of wildlife deaths, fill or plug the open pipe or firmly cement a cap on the end.
- **REMOVE** and properly dispose of any open-pipe markers on your claim or site left by previous mining claimants.

Thank you for your help in our effort to reduce the number of unnecessary bird and other wildlife deaths.

For more information, please visit <http://www.blm.gov/rlkd>.

**Figure 1.** Stone mounds; wooden posts; and solid, capped, or crimped metal posts are wildlife-safe. Consult state law to make sure your wildlife-safe marker complies with the posting requirements in your jurisdiction.



A Student Conservation Association volunteer pulls a PVC mining claim marker on Nevada public lands in July 2012.

This dead mountain bluebird was found in a PVC mining claim marker in late November 2011 near Virginia City, Nevada. A law in Nevada enables anyone to pull up claim marker stakes that are improperly set.