

Additional Information - The Forest Service has separate regulations about mining claim exploration or development on National Forest lands as well as for disposal of mineral materials. The Forest Service will direct you to the local BLM office or to BLM's LR2000 website if you have questions about what mining claims or sites are located on lands administered by the Forest Service. This is because location notices of claims and sites in Utah are required to be filed with the Utah State Office of the BLM in Salt Lake City.

The BLM maintains a computer database with claim and site information which can be searched by claim name and number, claimant name, location [township-range-section] or UMC [Utah mining claim recordation number]. Members of the public, state and other federal agencies can now access BLM's public land and minerals record information at www.blm.gov/lr2000. The LR2000 database includes information on all BLM mineral leases, mineral material disposals (sales/permits), surface management notices and plans, and, oil and gas agreements. You can contact your local BLM office about how to obtain information from this computer database should you have any questions.

You may conduct rockhounding on Public Lands in Utah. The brochure, ["Rockhounding of Public Lands in Utah"](#) contains guidelines you should follow.

Certain areas within Utah have been designated as open to recreational dredging and sluicing. The [State Engineers](#) office administers the recreational dredging and sluicing program within Utah (click on the "Recreational Sluicing and Dredging Permit Application Form" hyperlink, the last two pages contains a list of streams that are open).