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MINING CLAIM AND SITE FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2016

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, 2015, in the BLM State Office of the state where your claims or sites are located. A list of State Offices can be found at: <http://www.blm.gov/lr2000/links.htm>. Failure to timely pay the fee or file the waiver in the proper BLM State Office, will subject your claims or sites to forfeiture by operation of law.

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).

Conveniently pay your maintenance fee online! You may pay your maintenance 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, 2015, 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) 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. (The current Treasury limit of \$49,999.99 per card is only in effect until June 1, 2015, and the limit will then be reduced to \$24,999.99.) 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 within a few weeks of making your payment. Five days after you make your payment, you can also verify that your payment was 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, 2015. Form 3830-2 (attached) must be used and must contain original signatures of each owner and include their 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 if the one on file with the BLM is over 3 years old. There is no processing fee when filing the waiver. If you filed a waiver for the 2015 assessment year, you must also file the following on or before December 30, 2015, 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 2015 assessment year, along with a \$10 processing fee for each claim; 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>. It is highly recommended that your proof of labor or notice of intent to hold, along with your processing fee, be submitted at the same time your waiver is filed.