



MINING CLAIM FILING INFORMATION 2019-2020

NEW CLAIM FILING:

BLM

File a **copy** of your Notice of Location of Mining Claim including a map showing the location along with the fees within 90 days of the date of location of the claim.

PLACER CLAIMS

Pay a \$155 maintenance fee, plus the \$37 location fee, plus the \$20 processing fee, for every 20 acres or portion thereof. As an example, for a new 20 acre claim BLM fees would be \$212.

LODE - MILL SITE - TUNNEL SITE CLAIMS

Pay a \$155 maintenance fee, plus the \$37 location fee, plus the \$20 processing fee for a total of \$212.

Bureau of Land Management

Information Access Center, California State Office

2800 Cottage Way, Ste. W-1623

Sacramento, CA 95825

Phone: (916)-978-4400

COUNTY RECORDER

Record the **original** Notice of Location of Mining Claim including a map showing the location along with the fees within 90 days of the date of location of the claim.

RECORDING FEES - NEW CLAIMS AND ANNUAL AFFIDAVITS OF ASSESSMENT

Pay fees of **\$15** for the first page of document and **\$3** for each additional page, including map.

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Plumas County Recorder

520 Main Street Room 102

Quincy, CA 95971

Phone: (530)-283-6218

FORMS

Get forms here:

Notice of Location Placer

<http://www.plumascounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/12315>

Notice of Intent to Hold

<http://www.plumascounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/11227>

Affidavit of Assessment/

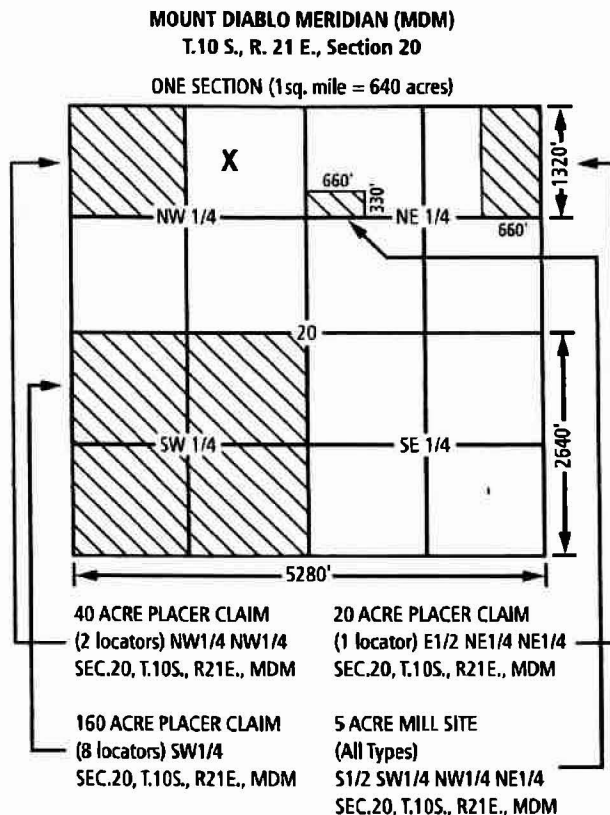
Proof of Labor

<http://www.plumascounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/10625>

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MAP EXAMPLE

Where possible, placer claims are to be located by legal subdivision, such as the E1/2NE1/4NE1/4, Section 2, Township 10 South, Range 21 East, Mount Diablo Meridian (30 U.S.C. § 35 and 43 CFR 3832, Subparts A and B). An individual may claim a placer claim with a maximum size of 20 acres (see Figure 2). An association of two locators may locate 40 acres, and three may locate 60 acres, etc. The maximum area of an association placer claim permitted by law is 160 acres for eight or more persons.



Drawing of a section of land showing different sizes of placer mining claims and a mill site. The legal description method is based on the Public Land Survey System.

MINING CLAIM - ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEES

The Bureau of Land Management issued a rule that changes the way placer mining claim maintenance fees are assessed. The rule implements the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 which requires the BLM to collect maintenance fees for placer mining claims based on the total acreage contained in the claim, rather than by the claim.

If...	Then...	Due
You have a placer mining claim	You pay \$155 for every 20 acres or portion thereof.	Sept. 1, 2019.
You have a Small Miners Waiver	You are not affected by the new rule. Please see instructions below for filing a Small Miners Waiver.	Sept. 1, 2019.
You file a new placer mining claim	You pay \$212 for each new location and you pay \$155 for every 20 acres or portion thereof up to 160 acres maximum. For example: A 20 acre claim = \$367 (\$212 + \$155). A 40 acre claim = \$522 (\$212 + \$155+\$155). All new locations must pay \$212, plus \$155 for every 20 acres or portion thereof, even if your "location date" on your form is August 31st of the current year. Claims will expire the next day if you do not file on time. File by September 1st of the current year, pay the Maintenance Fee of \$155 for every 20 acres or portion thereof to the Sacramento Office or turn in the Small Miners Waiver. The Notice of Intent to Hold (NOI) and \$10 per mining claim/site processing fee is due to the BLM Sacramento Office by December 30, 2019, or you may file the NOI earlier.	Upon filing (within 90 days from date of location)

DUE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Pay the 2019 Maintenance Fee of \$155 per lode claim. For placer claims only, pay \$155 per every 20 acres or portion thereof, on or before September 1, 2019. For example: The 2019 maintenance fee payment on an 80 acre placer claim is \$580 but if the placer claim contains 80.25 acres you pay \$735.

OR

QUALIFYING FOR THE 2019 SMALL MINER'S WAIVER

You may qualify for a Small Miner's Waiver if **all owners** listed on the small miner's waiver **own ten or fewer claims and/or sites nationwide**. All claims, mill and tunnel sites must be listed on the Small Miner's Waiver. The Small Miner's Waiver must contain the **original signatures (in blue ink) of all owners**. If an agent signs for the owners, a notarized designation of the agent, signed by all owners, must be on file with the BLM or be submitted with the waiver. An agent signing the waiver for more than one owner, must (i.e. 5 claimants requires 5 signatures by the agent).

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File a 2019 Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification with the BLM, Form 3830-2 (commonly referred to as a Small Miner's Waiver) on or before September 1, 2019. There is **no charge** for filing a Small Miner's Waiver. The county recorder does not record this document.

No curable notices will be issued, or extra time allowed for insufficient 2019 Maintenance Fee payments.

AND

Because you file the 2019 Small Miner's Waiver, you must **ALSO** file the following ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 30, 2019:

For placer and lode claims listed on the Small Miner's Waiver, you must file a 2019 **Affidavit of Assessment Work/Proof of Labor** along with the **\$10 processing fee** per claim, with the BLM. For mill or tunnel sites listed on the Small Miner's Waiver, you must file a 2019 Notice of Intent to Hold or, write on the Small Miner's Waiver that it serves as a Notice of Intent to Hold for the mill or tunnel site listed on the waiver and include the **\$10 processing fee** per site to BLM.

BLM highly recommends that you file your Affidavit of Assessment Work and/or the Notice of Intent to Hold at the same time you file your 2019 Small Miner's Waiver.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: For those who filed a Small Miner's Waiver last year (by September 1, 2018), you must file your 2019 Affidavit of Assessment Work on or before December 30, 2019, regardless of whether you pay the \$155 Maintenance Fee for 2019.

BE ALERT! FILING REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

As an owner of mining claims, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for keeping yourself informed of the changes in the filing requirements and the mining laws. It is suggested that you contact the BLM office periodically to stay up to date. Visit the website at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/mining-and-minerals/about/california> . To check the status of mining claims go to <https://reports.blm.gov/content/lr2000/about/> .

BLM FORMS

Call (916) 978-4400 to obtain or download at:

Maintenance Fee Waiver Forms and Maintenance Fee Payment Forms for Claims

https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/3830-002_0.pdf

Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification

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The Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification Form is MANDATORY. There is no charge for filing a Small Miner's Waiver with the BLM, they are not recorded with the county recorder.

MAINTENANCE FEE SCHEDULE - BLM

ACREAGE OF CLAIM	FEE TO PAY BLM
1 through 20 Acres	\$155
21 through 40 Acres	\$310
42 through 60 Acres	\$465
61 through 80 Acres	\$620
81 through 100 Acres	\$775
101 through 120 Acres	\$930
121 through 140 Acres	\$1,085
141 through 160 Acres	\$1,240

AFFIDAVIT OF ASSESSMENT/PROOF OF LABOR INFORMATION

A form that may be used to satisfy the requirements for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Claimant(s) must fill in the date for the applicable assessment year. All claim names, BLM serial numbers, legal descriptions, and original county recording information must be listed for the claims pertaining to the assessment notice. The claimant(s) must list 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. The names and current mailing addresses of the person(s) performing the labor shall be listed. The name and current mailing address of each owner (claimant) of the claims shall be listed. 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. Verify that all monuments required by law were properly erected, all notices were posted, and that corners were appropriately designated for all claims listed. An exact legible copy of the Affidavit of Assessment Work/Proof of Labor that you record with the county 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. A processing fee of \$10 for each claim listed must be remitted to the BLM along with the Affidavit of Assessment Work/Proof of Labor.

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In addition to filing with the BLM, record a 2019 Affidavit of Assessment Work (Proof of Labor form) or Notice of Intent to Hold with the County Recorder's office.

NOTE: If you paid the MAINTENANCE FEE rather than filing a SMALL MINER'S WAIVER, indicate on your county recording that you have paid the 2019 Maintenance Fee to the BLM and the date on which you paid.

If you would like a date stamped copy of your recorded document, provide the copy and a self-addressed, stamped envelope and your copy will be returned to you promptly.

Per Local County Ordinance, property taxes due must be paid **prior to recording your document**. Your tax payment and recordable document may be mailed together, but please provide separate checks for payment of taxes and payment of recording fees.

WHERE TO RECORD:

Plumas County Clerk-Recorder
Street Room 102
Quincy CA 95971
(530) 283-6218

WHERE TO PAY TAXES:

Plumas County Tax Collector 520 Main
PO Box 176
Quincy CA 95971
(530) 283-6260

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