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BLM Alaska Solid Minerals Program Update



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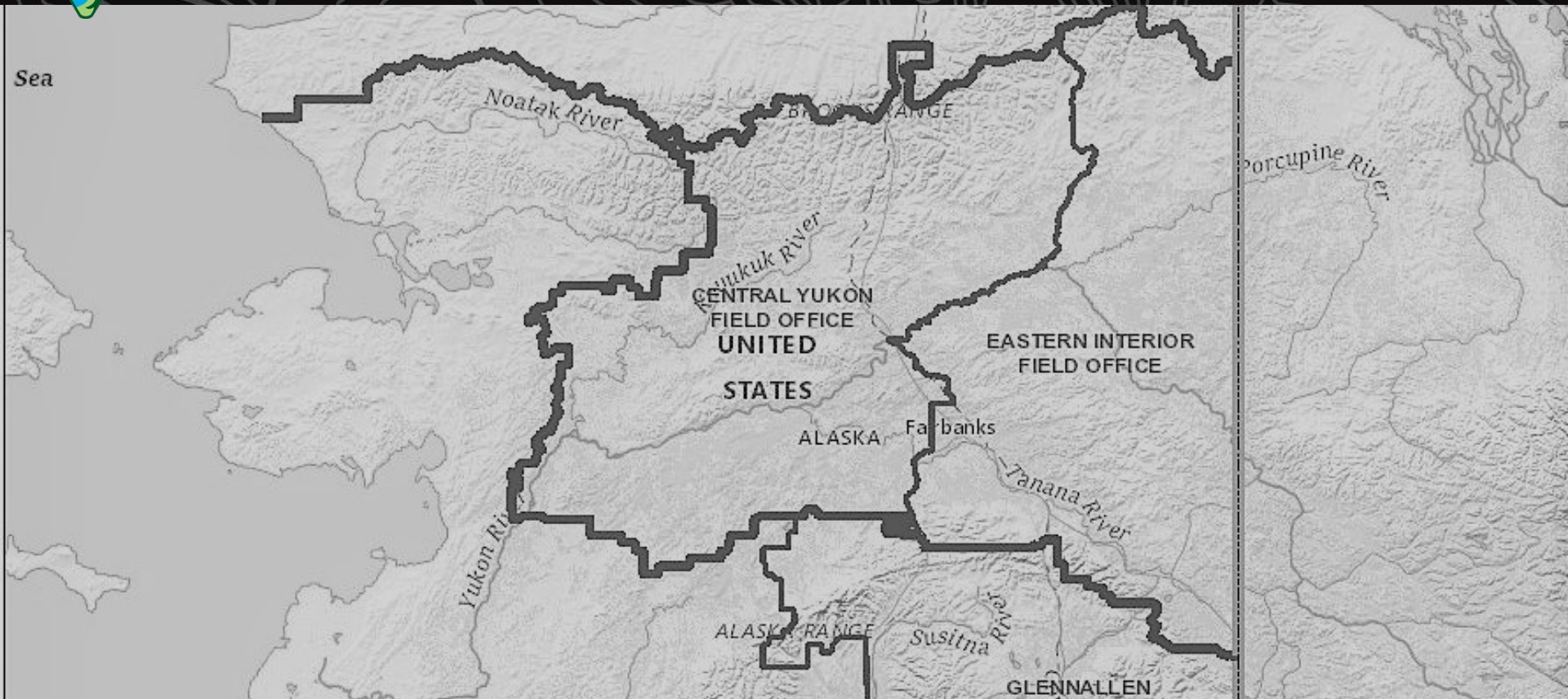
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Program Overview Part I

- **Adjudicate Mining Claims (All Federal)**
- **Validity Examinations**
- **Various Geologic Reports**
- **Process Mining Plans & Exploration Notices**
- **Inspection & Enforcement**
- **Production Verification**
- **Bonding**
- **Reclamation Evaluation**
- **Fair Market Value**
- **Conveyances**
- **Abandoned Mine Lands**





Program Overview Part II



Staffing Numbers

State Office:

- Geologists – 2
- Natural Resource Specialist – 1
- Land Law Examiner – 2

Anchorage District:

- Geologist – 1
- Environmental Protection Specialists – 2

Fairbanks District:

- Geologists – 4
- Natural Resource Specialists – 2

Engaged with other disciplines at various levels

E. Go. Gold Mining Dredge, Fox, Alaska



Program Overview - Salables

Mineral Materials Disposal – 43 CFR 3600

Mineral Materials Sales Contract –
3602

- Mine & Reclamation Plan
- Bond, no greater than 20% of contract

Competitive/Noncompetitive
Community Pits/Common Use - 3603

- No plan required
- No reclamation; fee instead

Revenue – No less than FMV

Free Use Permit – 3604



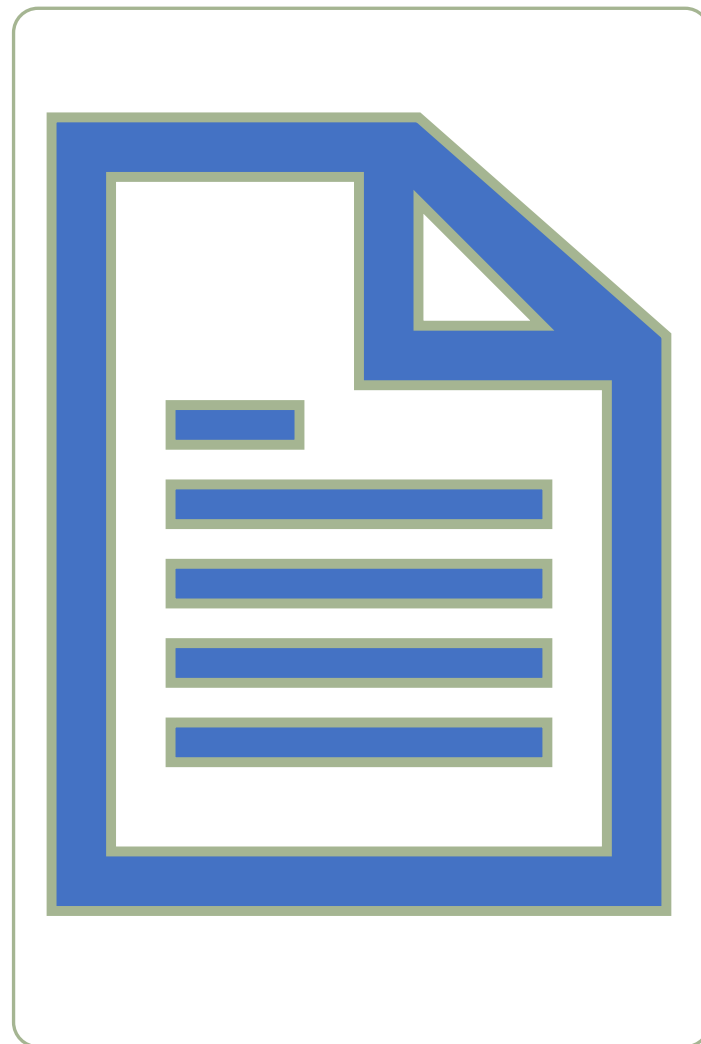
Policies - Salables

National:

- Production Verification
- Fair Market Valuations
- Free Use Permit Valuations
- National Indian Trust Priorities
- Inspection, Enforcement, and Trespass Resolution
- Automation Efforts
- Mineral and Lands Records Systems (MLRS)
- Mineral Tracking System

BLM State Office:

- Permitting
- Compliance





Mineral Materials Operations

- Native Allotments: 5
- Exploration Permits: 3
- Unauthorized Use/Trespass: 2
- Community Pits: 2 (plus 1 pending)
- Negotiated Disposals: 74
(plus 5 pending)
- Free Use Permits: 30



Program Overview - Locatables

Locatables

- 43 CFR 3700 – Multiple Use; Mining
- 43 CFR 3800 – Mining Claims Under the General Mining Laws

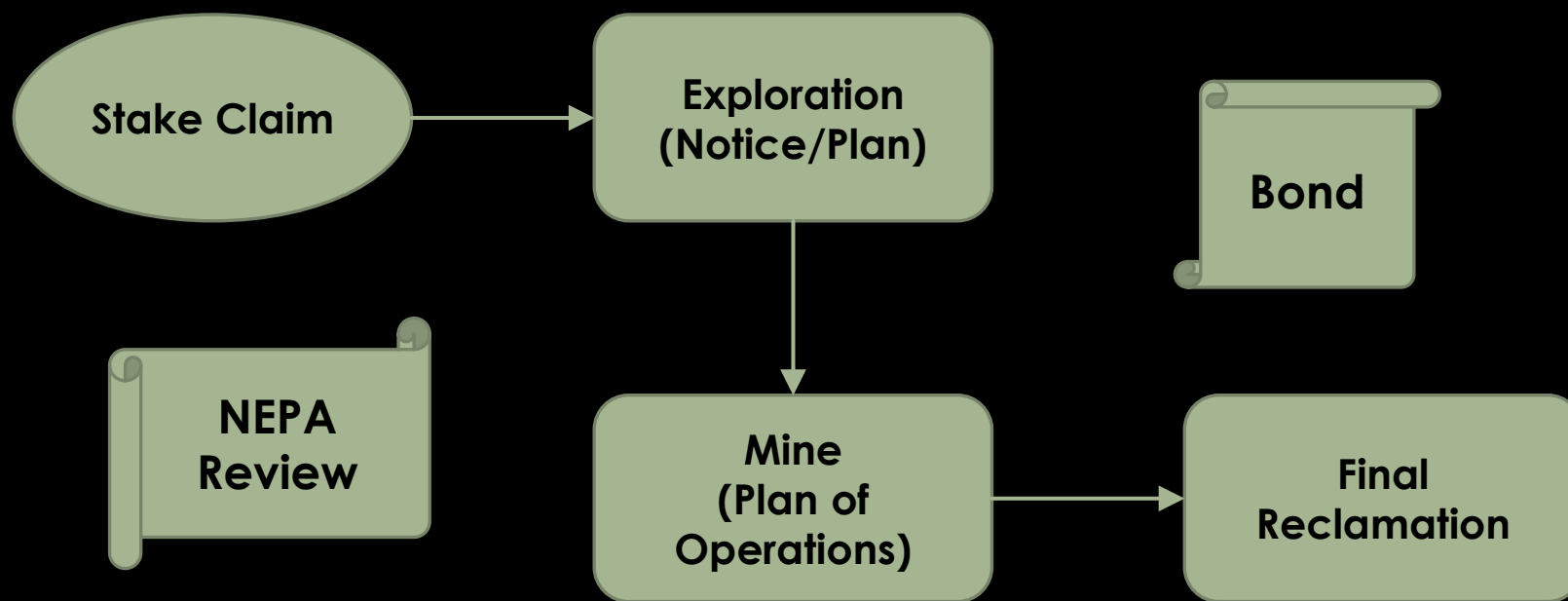
Locatable Minerals Include:

- Metallic Minerals
- Nonmetallic Minerals
- Uncommon Variety Minerals





Locatables Process





Policies - Locatables

National:

- Timely Processing of Plans and Notices
- Adjudication of Mining Claims and Associated Filings
- Required Inspections
- Accurate ALIS Case Data
- Adequate Financial Guarantees

BLM Alaska State Office:

- Permitting
- Compliance
- Reclamation Assessments
- Technical Assistance
- Pending Plans/Notices
- Pending Occupancies
- Review Use & Occupancy Files
- Adequate Bonding-Bond Pool



Locatables Activities



Adjudication

Lode Claims: 4219
Placer Claims: 1931
Tunnel Site Claims: 3
Mill Site Claims: 74



Operations

Authorized Plans: 57
Pending Plans: 10
Suspended Plans: 18
'Authorized' Notices: 28
Pending Notices: 8
Suspended Notices: 13



Fee Changes

New Claims	Per Claim Fee	
Lode Claims, Mill Sites, Tunnel Sites	Processing Fee:	\$20
	Location Fee:	\$37
	Maintenance Fee:	\$155
	Total per claim:	\$212
Placer Claims	Processing Fee:	\$20
	Location Fee:	\$37
	Maintenance Fee:	\$155/20ac

Maintenance Fees - Existing Claims	Per Claim Fee
Lode Claims, Mill Sites, Tunnel Sites	\$165
Placer Claims	\$165/20ac



Year in Review

Salables

Sales Contracts	1
Free Use Permits	6
Inspections/PV	19
Native Allotment Inspections/PV	9
Patrol Enforcement Activities	23

Locatables

Record/Adjudicate Mining Claims	3648
Collect Mining Claim/Site Fees	6468
Process Plan of Operations	8
Process Exploration/Mining Notices	7
Compliance Inspections	176
Patrol Enforcement Activities	30





Continuing Efforts

- **Revision of 3809 Regulations (National)**
- **Development of Use & Occupancy Manual (National)**
- **Improvement in Remote Systems/Training**
- **Mineral Potential Reports – Fortymile Region**
- **Revocation of Public Land Orders**
- **Technical Assistance for Stream Reclamation**
- **Conveyances**





Questions?

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