

**REMINDER \*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\* REMINDER**  
**MINING CLAIM AND SITE FILING REQUIREMENTS**  
**FOR 2025 Assessment Year**

**\*\*\* NEW FEES \*\*\***

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 3, 2024, (September 1 is a Sunday and September 2 is a Federal holiday) **in the BLM State Office** in which your claims are located. 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.

A final rule was published in the Federal Register on July 1, 2024, 89 FR 54364, which increased the location and maintenance fees due for mining claims and sites recorded with the BLM. These increases are in effect starting with the 2025 assessment year, which starts September 1, 2024.

The maintenance fees for a lode claim, mill site or tunnel site are now \$200 per claim or site. The fee for placer claims is \$200 for each 20 acres of the claim or portion thereof. For instance, if a placer claim contains 70 acres, you must pay \$800 for the maintenance fee (\$200 for each 20 acres + \$200 for 10 acres).

For claims and sites located before September 1, 2024, the old location and maintenance fees still apply – a \$40 location fee, and an initial maintenance fee at the rate of \$165 for assessment year 2024 (in addition to the \$25 processing fee). The increased annual maintenance fee at the rate of \$200 (or waiver, if applicable) is required on or before September 3, 2024, for the 2025 assessment year. For claims located on or after September 1, 2024, the increased fees apply – a \$49 location fee and an initial maintenance fee for the 2025 assessment year at the rate of \$200, will be due along with a \$25 processing fee.

If you have already timely paid your maintenance fee for the 2025 assessment year to the BLM at the old rate (\$165), you will receive written notice from the BLM that you must pay the additional amount within 30 days of your receipt of BLM's notice. Failure to do so will subject your claims or sites to forfeiture by operation of law. The ability to make up the deficiency in the amount of maintenance fees paid is only available for annual maintenance fees timely paid or postmarked on or before September 3, 2024, and for initial maintenance fees timely paid within 90 days from the date of location of a new claim or site on or before December 31, 2024. After those dates, the failure to pay the correct fees will result in BLM rejecting the incomplete payment.

***Conveniently pay your maintenance fees online using the Mineral & Land Records System (MLRS)!*** If you are a registered MLRS user, you may pay your maintenance fees with a credit card, debit card or ACH payment online (except for claims or sites in Alaska) at <https://mlrs.blm.gov/>. Payments made online must be made on or before midnight, September 3, 2024. 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 (the current Treasury limit for credit card payments is \$24,999.99). Even though there are no Treasury limits for debit card or ACH payments, you should contact your bank to verify any restrictions they may have for such payments. After you complete your transaction, you will receive confirmation of your payment via the email address you use for MLRS, and the BLM State Office where your claims or sites are recorded will have a receipt of the transaction.

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 <https://reports.blm.gov/reports/MLRS>.

- **Waiver Requirements:** You may file the waiver if you and all related parties own 10 or fewer claims or sites nationwide on September 1, 2024. 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. There is no processing fee when filing the waiver. **Faxed or emailed waivers are not acceptable and will be returned unrecorded.**

FLPMA Document Filings: If you filed a waiver for the 2024 assessment year, you must also file the following on or before December 30, 2024, 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 2024 assessment year, along with a \$15 processing fee for each claim; or
- For mill sites and tunnel sites, a notice of intent to hold, along with a \$15 processing fee for each site.

Forms can be found online at <https://www.blm.gov/services/electronic-forms>. 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.