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MINING CLAIM FORMS

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MCF100	<i>Location Notice for Lode Mining Claim</i>
MCF102	<i>Location Notice for Placer Mining Claim</i>
MCF100a	<i>Claim Map</i>
MCF108	<i>Affidavit of Performance of Annual Work</i>
MCF110	<i>Notice of Intent to Hold Mining Claims/Sites</i>
MCF112	<i>Maintenance Fee Payment</i>
MCF114	<i>Supplemental Attachment (for additional claims)</i>
MCF116	<i>Notice of Non-liability for Labor and Materials Furnished</i>

The forms in this circular may be reproduced for filing with the Bureau of Land Management and the County Recorders' office. There are no officially designated forms, but the forms provided meet the statutes and the requirements of these agencies. These forms may also be downloaded from the Department website, www.mines.az.gov/claimforms.pdf in PDF format.

Find the Bureau of Land Management's *Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification* form 3830-2 at:
www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/az/pdfs.Par.44542.File.dat/3830-2_MaintFee.pdf

The following is a brief summary of the filing process for Federal mining claims:

Mineral rights can be obtained on State or Federal lands that are open to mineral entry. Mining claims, leases, and mineral material sales apply to Federal Lands. Prospecting permits, leases, and material sales apply to State Trust Land. The process is complex, but can be accomplished by the average citizen.

Mining claims cannot be used as a residence or home site. Under the current moratorium on patenting claims, no title to the land can be obtained.

The initial claim recording expenditure for a federal mining claim is about \$10 at the county recorder's office and is \$189 total fees at the Bureau of Land Management.

The steps in acquiring mineral rights are generally as follows:

1. Find an area of interest and determine its legal description (i.e. Township, Range, Section, etc.)
2. Determine surface and subsurface ownership status as explained in ADMMR Special Report SR23, *Manual for Determination of Status and Ownership, Arizona Mineral and Water Rights*
3. Acquire and maintain mineral rights as described in ADMMR Special Report SR12, *Laws and Regulations Governing Mineral Rights in Arizona*.

The above publications may be ordered from ADMMR or perused at the Department's office and at select Arizona libraries.