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GUIDE TO ONLINE LAND STATUS RECORDS

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Recently there has been a revolution in how public records are accessed. Record searches previously required visiting an office, but today most may be accessed remotely via the Internet.

Federal

Master Title Plats -

2 Only with a subscription fee.

www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/maps.html - (MTPs) for Arizona. Title information surface, minerals easements etc. for the entire state by township. Supplemental plats are also on line.

LR2000 - www.blm.gov/lr2000 - Search information on leases, permits, contracts, grants, agreements, mineral patents, etc. issued by the BLM for the following activities: oil and gas, coal and other minerals, sand, gravel, rights-of-ways, land exchanges and acquisitions, land use withdrawals, mineral patents, land classifications, land claims, land sales, legal land description, mining claim recordation and status.

Geocommunicator - www.geocommunicator.gov - Interactive map viewer allows you to search and display most of the land and mineral, status, and mining claims case records along with reference maps including surface management agency boundaries, active and closed mining claims, topographic maps, and aerial imagery.

General Land Office (GLO) Federal Land Patent Records - www.glorecords.blm.gov - Provides access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States. They also provide image access to more than two million Federal land title records for Eastern Public Land States, issued between 1820 and 1908. Images of Serial patents (land titles issued between 1908 and the mid-1960s) are currently being added to the Land Patent Website.

State of Arizona

State Land Department Interactive Map Server - www.land.state.az.us/maps/server_help_swsmr/online_maps.htm View a variety of on-line Arizona State maps showing the location of State Trust Land and Federal Lands in Arizona. Online maps display grazing leases and surface management areas, but not ownership or mineral leases.

Arizona Counties

The table below lists the Arizona counties that have online resources available for determining the current ownership of land by tracing grantor and grantee transactions on a particular property or unpatented mining claim. Most counties have records from the 1800s; available online material is usually more recent as noted below.

County	Web Site	Phone	On-line Records	Document Image Available	Dates Available
Apache	www.co.apache.az.us	928 337-7514	Yes	No	1986 - present
Cochise	www.co.cochise.az.us	520 432-8350	No	N/A	N/A
Coconino	www.coconino.az.gov	928 779-6585	Yes	Yes	1983 - present
Gila	www.co.gila.az.us	800 291-4452	Yes ¹	Yes	1985 - present
Graham	www.graham.az.gov	928-428-3560	Yes	Yes	1986 - present
Greenlee	www.co.greenlee.az.us	928 865-2632	Yes	Yes	1978 - present
La Paz	www.co.la-paz.az.us	928 669-6136	Yes	No	1984 - present
Maricopa	www.maricopa.gov	602.506.3535	Yes	Yes	1871 - present
Mohave	www.co.mohave.az.us	928 753-0701	Yes	No	1991 - present
Navajo	www.co.navajo.az.us	928 524-4194	Yes	Yes	1989 - present
Pima	www.co.pima.az.us	520 740-4350	Yes	Yes ²	1987 - present
Pinal	www.co.pinal.az.us	520-866-6000	Yes	Yes	1980 - present
Santa Cruz	www.co.santa-cruz.az.us	520 375-7990	Yes	No	1987 - present
Yavapai	www.co.yavapai.az.us	928 771-3244	Yes	Yes	1976 - present
Yuma	www.co.yuma.az.us	928 373-6020	No	N/A	N/A