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CLAIM LOCATION AND RECORDATION WITH EXAMPLES

FOR NEW CLAIMS LOCATED ON FEDERAL LANDS

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Locate Claims and
Fill out and Post
Notice on discovery
monument.
Day 0.

Monument Claim

Make map to State
requirements.
(Not BLM)

File map and location
notice with County
Recorder.

File map and
location notice
containing
Recorder's Book
and Page number
with BLM.

These must be completed in the above order.
They must be completed any time on or before Day 90.

DAY 0

DAYS

DAY 90

DEFINITIONS AND NOTES

Mineral rights can only be acquired after making a valid discovery of a locatable mineral on lands open to mineral entry.

All possessory rights acquired by location of claim begin on Day 0. All requirements must be completed on or before Day 90 or all rights are lost.

The calendar year starts January 1 and ends December 31.

The mining claim assessment year starts noon September 1 and ends the following September 1 at noon.

An affidavit of labor or intention to hold must be recorded with the County Recorder and a copy filed with the BLM before December 30 of every calendar year. EXCEPT: The calendar year in which the claim was located.

It is not necessary to file an affidavit of labor or intention to hold for calendar year in which the claim is located.

Assessment work must be completed during each assessment year. EXCEPT: The assessment year in which the claim was located.

SEE EXAMPLES

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EXAMPLE No. 1 - FOR NEW CLAIMS LOCATED IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, and AUGUST

A claim is located March 7, 1981 (during assessment year noon September 1, 1980 thru noon September 1, 1981 and in the calendar year ending December 31, 1981.)

Location work, monument construction and filing of maps, fees, and notices must be completed within 90 days starting March 8, 1981.

No notice of intent to hold is required.

The first assessment work must be completed by noon September 1, 1982, and the affidavit of labor must be recorded in the County Recorder's Office and a recorded copy filed with the BLM by December 30, 1982.

The next year's assessment work must be completed by noon September 1, 1983 and recorded and filed by December 30, 1983.

EXAMPLE No. 2 - FOR NEW CLAIMS LOCATED IN SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

A claim is located October 2, 1981 (during assessment year noon September 1, 1981 thru noon September 1, 1982 and in the calendar year ending December 31, 1981.)

Location work, monument construction and filing of maps, fees and notices must be completed within 90 days starting October 3, 1981.

An intent to hold must be recorded with the County Recorder and a recorded copy filed with the BLM by December 30, 1982.

The first assessment work must be completed by noon September 1, 1983 and the affidavit of labor must be recorded in the County Recorder's Office and a recorded copy filed with the BLM on or before December 30, 1983.

The next year's assessment work must be completed by noon September 1, 1984 and recorded and filed by December 30, 1984.