



**MINING CLAIM FILING INFORMATION 2020-2021**

**BLM MINING CLAIM FEES**

**FEES - NEW CLAIMS LOCATED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

<b>Claim Type</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NEEDED</b>	<b>DATE DUE</b>	<b>PER CLAIM FEE</b>
<b>Lode Claims, Mill Sites, and Tunnel Sites</b>	Notice of Location	Within 90 calendar days after the date of claim location	Processing Fee – \$20 Location Fee – \$37 Maintenance Fee – \$155 Total Per Claim Fee – \$212
<b>Placer Claims</b>	Notice of Location	Within 90 calendar days after the date of claim location	Processing Fee - \$20 Location Fee - \$37 Maintenance Fee - \$155 for each 20 acres or portion thereof

**FEES - NEW CLAIMS LOCATED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

<b>Claim Type</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NEEDED</b>	<b>DATE DUE</b>	<b>PER CLAIM FEE</b>
<b>Lode Claims, Mill Sites, and Tunnel Sites</b>	Notice of Location	Within 90 calendar days after the date of claim location	Processing Fee – \$20 Location Fee – \$40 Maintenance Fee – \$165 Total Per Claim Fee – \$225
<b>Placer Claims</b>	Notice of Location	Within 90 calendar days after the date of claim location	Processing Fee - \$20 Location Fee - \$40 Maintenance Fee - \$165 for each 20 acres or portion thereof

**Note:** For claims located **PRIOR to September 1**, or the end of one assessment year but filed with the BLM **ON OR AFTER September 1**, the beginning of the next assessment year,

maintenance fees are charged for both assessment years, unless a valid waiver is filed with the new locations, for the assessment year beginning after the location of the claim.

**MAINTENANCE FEES - EXISTING CLAIMS**

<b>DOCUMENT NEEDED</b>	<b>DATE DUE</b>	<b>PER CLAIM FEE</b>
A listing of each claim name and associated BLM serial number (Forms 3830-4 and 3830-4a may be used)	On or before September 1	\$165 for lode claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites. For placer claims, \$165 for each 20 acres or portion thereof.

**WAIVER FROM PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEES  
FOR EXISTING CLAIMS**

**To qualify for a maintenance fee waiver, each claimant and all related parties must own 10 or fewer claims– nationwide.**

<b>DOCUMENT NEEDED</b>	<b>DATE DUE</b>	<b>PROCESSING FEE</b>
<b>Form 3830-2 Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification</b>	On or before September 1	None
<b>Affidavit of Assessment</b>	On or before December 30	\$15 per claim
<b>Notice of Intent to Hold</b>	On or before December 30	\$15 per claim

**1. An Affidavit of Assessment, along with the appropriate processing fee, may be submitted with the Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification.**

**2. Notice of Intent to Hold – Must be filed for the first calendar year claim(s) are located or the first instance a waiver form is filed. May be submitted with the Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification.**

**TRANSFER OF INTEREST/AMENDED NOTICE OF LOCATION**

<b>DOCUMENT NEEDED</b>	<b>DATE DUE</b>	<b>PROCESSING FEE</b>
<b>Quit Claim Deed or other type of transfer document</b>	N/A	\$15 per claim per transferee
<b>Amended Notice of Location</b>	Within 90 days after recording the amended notice in the state local recorder's office	\$15 per claim per amendment

**3. NOTE – Quit Claim Deeds and amendments MUST FIRST be recorded with the recorder’s office before filing with the BLM.**

**How To Pay Your Fees**

Claimants may pay their annual maintenance fee online through the **Mining Claim Maintenance Fee Payment Portal**. This site is available 24 hours a day. The BLM payment portal provides the ability to query eligible mining claims and sites for payment through an interface with the **Legacy Rehost 2000 (LR2000)** public reporting database; select claims and sites to be paid; and then transfer to Pay.gov for payment of the maintenance fees for the selected claims and sites. At this time, only credit card payments are accepted and treasury limits apply.

Claimants who file on paper must include a document listing the claim/site name(s) and the BLM serial number(s) assigned to each claim for which the fees are being paid.

**Bureau of Land Management**

Information Access Center, California State Office  
2800 Cottage Way, Ste. W-1623  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Phone: (916)-978-4400

**COUNTY RECORDER**

Record the **original** Notice of Location of Mining Claim including a map showing the location along with the fees within 90 days of the date of location of the claim.

**RECORDING FEES - NEW CLAIMS AND ANNUAL AFFIDAVITS OF ASSESSMENT**

Pay fees of **\$15** for the first page of document and **\$3** for each additional page, including map.

**BEGINNING 2018 - Affordable Housing Tax** - The State now requires all county recorder offices to collect a **\$75** Affordable Housing and Jobs Tax on their behalf and transmit the funds to them.

Your documents will be returned to you **unrecorded** if you do not include the tax in your payment of recording fees.

**Plumas County Recorder**

520 Main Street Room 102, Quincy, CA 95971

Phone: (530)-283-6218

**FORMS**

**Notice of Location Placer**

<http://www.plumascounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/12315>

**Notice of Intent to Hold**

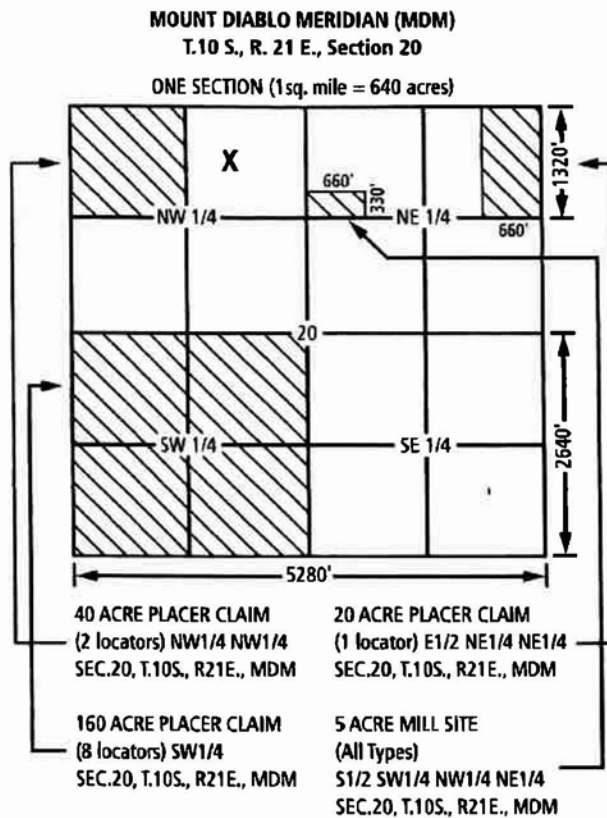
<http://www.plumascounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/11227>

**Affidavit of Assessment/ Proof of Labor**

<http://www.plumascounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/10625>

# MAP EXAMPLE

Where possible, placer claims are to be located by legal subdivision, such as the E1/2NE1/4NE1/4, Section 2, Township 10 South, Range 21 East, Mount Diablo Meridian (30 U.S.C. § 35 and 43 CFR 3832, Subparts A and B). An individual may claim a placer claim with a maximum size of 20 acres (see Figure 2). An association of two locators may locate 40 acres, and three may locate 60 acres, etc. The maximum area of an association placer claim permitted by law is 160 acres for eight or more persons.



Drawing of a section of land showing different sizes of placer mining claims and a mill site. The legal description method is based on the Public Land Survey System.

File a 2020 Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification with the BLM, Form 3830-2 (commonly referred to as a Small Miner's Waiver) on or before September 1, 2020. There is **no charge** for filing a Small Miner's Waiver. The county recorder does not record this document.

**No curable notices will be issued, or extra time allowed for insufficient 2020 Maintenance Fee payments.**

**AND**

Because you file the 2020 Small Miner's Waiver, you must **ALSO** file the following ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 30, 2020:

For placer and lode claims listed on the Small Miner's Waiver, you must file a 2020 **Affidavit of Assessment Work/Proof of Labor** along with the **\$10 processing fee** per claim, with the BLM. For mill or tunnel sites listed on the Small Miner's Waiver, you must file a 2020 Notice of Intent to Hold or, write on the Small Miner's Waiver that it serves as a Notice of Intent to Hold for the mill or tunnel site listed on the waiver and include the **\$10 processing fee** per site to BLM.

**BLM highly recommends that you file your Affidavit of Assessment Work and/or the Notice of Intent to Hold at the same time you file your 2020 Small Miner's Waiver.**

***IMPORTANT REMINDER: For those who filed a Small Miner's Waiver last year (by September 1, 2019), you must file your 2020 Affidavit of Assessment Work on or before December 30, 2020, regardless of whether you pay the \$155 Maintenance Fee for 2020.***

**BE ALERT! FILING REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

As an owner of mining claims, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for keeping yourself informed of the changes in the filing requirements and the mining laws. It is suggested that you contact the BLM office periodically to stay up to date. Visit the website at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/mining-and-minerals/about/california> . To check the status of mining claims go to <https://reports.blm.gov/content/lr2000/about/> .

**BLM FORMS**

Call (916) 978-4400 to obtain or download at:

**Maintenance Fee Waiver Forms and Maintenance Fee Payment Forms for Claims**

**[https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/3830-002\\_0.pdf](https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/3830-002_0.pdf)**

**Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification**

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The Maintenance Fee Waiver Certification Form is MANDATORY. There is no charge for filing a Small Miner's Waiver with the BLM, they are not recorded with the county recorder.

## MAINTENANCE FEE SCHEDULE - BLM

ACREAGE OF CLAIM	FEE TO PAY BLM
1 through 20 Acres	\$155
21 through 40 Acres	\$310
42 through 60 Acres	\$465
61 through 80 Acres	\$620
81 through 100 Acres	\$775
101 through 120 Acres	\$930
121 through 140 Acres	\$1,085
141 through 160 Acres	\$1,240

## AFFIDAVIT OF ASSESSMENT/PROOF OF LABOR INFORMATION - BLM

A form that may be used to satisfy the requirements for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Claimant(s) must fill in the date for the applicable assessment year. All claim names, BLM serial numbers, legal descriptions, and original county recording information must be listed for the claims pertaining to the assessment notice. The claimant(s) must list all labor or improvements which was performed on or did benefit the subject mining claims. The value and date of the labor or improvements must also be listed. The total amount of labor or improvements can be listed, but the total expenditure must equal at least \$100 for each claim. The names and current mailing addresses of the person(s) performing the labor shall be listed. The name and current mailing address of each owner (claimant) of the claims shall be listed. The mailing address shall be the owner's address and not the address of an agent or anyone representing the claimant. Be sure to note if there has been a change of address. Verify that all monuments required by law were properly erected, all notices were posted, and that corners were appropriately designated for all claims listed. An exact legible copy of the Affidavit of Assessment Work/Proof of Labor that you record with the county must be filed with the BLM on or before December 30 of the calendar year in which the assessment year ends. For mill or tunnel sites, a separate notice of intent to hold must be filed with the BLM on or before December 30. A processing fee of \$10 for each claim listed must be remitted to the BLM along with the Affidavit of Assessment Work/Proof of Labor.

## RECORDING FEES - ANNUAL AFFIDAVITS OF ASSESSMENT/PROOF OF LABOR

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In addition to filing with the BLM, record a 2019 Affidavit of Assessment Work (Proof of Labor form) or Notice of Intent to Hold with the County Recorder's office.

NOTE: If you paid the MAINTENANCE FEE rather than filing a SMALL MINER'S WAIVER, indicate on your county recording that you have paid the 2020 Maintenance Fee to the BLM and the date on which you paid.

If you would like a date stamped copy of your recorded document, provide the copy and a self-addressed, stamped envelope and your copy will be returned to you promptly.

Per Local County Ordinance, property taxes due must be paid **prior to recording your document.** Your tax payment and recordable document may be mailed together, but please provide separate checks for payment of taxes and payment of recording fees.

**WHERE TO RECORD:**

Plumas County Clerk-Recorder  
Street Room 102  
Quincy CA 95971  
(530) 283-6218

**WHERE TO PAY TAXES:**

Plumas County Tax Collector 520 Main  
PO Box 176  
Quincy CA 95971  
(530) 283-6260

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