

MORE INFORMATION

Mining Claims, Mining Plans, and Lands Open to Mining

BLM: The BLM has the primary responsibility for administering the laws and regulations regarding the disposal of locatable minerals from all federally administered lands. The BLM's statutory authority is derived from the Mining Law of 1872, as amended (30 U.S.C. 22 et seq.), the original public land authority in 43 U.S.C. 2, 1201 and 1457, and FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.). These statutes, together with the regulations (43 CFR 3800) and numerous judicial and administrative decisions that have interpreted them make up the body of the mining law system. The law itself may be examined in most BLM State Offices or in public libraries. For information concerning BLM regulations and public lands open to mining in specific areas, contact the proper BLM State or local office. The [BLM State Office locations](#) are listed below.

Forest Service: For information regarding Federal land within the National Forest System and Forest Service surface management regulations (36 CFR 228{A}), contact the appropriate Forest Service Regional or local Ranger District Office. [Forest Service Regional Office locations](#) are also listed below.

State: Information on State and local requirements and cooperative agreements between the State, the BLM, and the Forest Service may be obtained at local BLM and Forest Service offices. Otherwise, contact the appropriate State or local agency.

Geology and Minerals, Topographic Maps, and Mining Technology

U.S. Geological Survey: The Interior Department's Geological Survey (GS) publishes many topographic maps and geologic maps and reports. The central source of information about these maps and related materials is the Earth Science Information Center, Geological Survey, National Center, Reston, Virginia 22092. Maps and reports are available for purchase from the Branch of Distribution, Box 25286, Geological Survey, Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. In addition, GS publications can be obtained over-the-counter at the Earth Science Information Centers in Alaska (2), California (3), Colorado (1), Utah (1), Virginia (1), Washington (1), and Washington, DC (1).

State: Information concerning State mining laws and regulations that supplement the Mining Law of 1872, as amended, plus information concerning the geology and minerals of specific areas in a State, can be obtained from State geologists, State geological surveys, or State mining departments.

**STATE OFFICES
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

ALASKA

Bureau of Land Management
Public Room
222 West 7th Avenue, No. 13
Anchorage, AK 99513-7599
907-271 -5960

ARIZONA

Bureau of Land Management
3707 North 7th Street
PO. Box 16563
Phoenix, AZ 85011
602-650-0528

EASTERN STATES

Bureau of Land Management
Resources Use, Planning, and Protection
7450 Boston Boulevard
Springfield, VA 22153
703-440-1727

CALIFORNIA

Bureau of Land Management
Public Room
2800 Cottage Way, E-2841
Sacramento, CA 95825
916-979-2800

COLORADO

Bureau of Land Management
2850 Youngfield Street
Lakewood, CO 80215-7093
303-239-3600

IDAHO

Bureau of Land Management
Public Room
3380 Amencana Terrace
Boise, ID 83706
208-384-3000

NEVADA

Bureau of Land Management
Public Room
850 Harvard Way
Reno, NV 89520-0006
702-785-6500

NEW MEXICO

Bureau of Land Management
1474 Rodeo Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505-0115
505-438-7400

OREGON AND WASHINGTON

Bureau of Land Management
1515 S.W. 5th Avenue
PO. Box 2965
Portland, OR 97208-2965
503-952-6001

UTAH

Bureau of Land Management
Public Room
324 South State Street
PO. Box 45155
Salt Lake city, UT 84145-0155
801 -55539-4001

WYOMING AND NEBRASKA

Bureau of Land Management
5353 Yellowstone Road
PO. Box 1828
Cheyenne, WY 82003
307-775 -6256

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

Bureau of Land Management
1849 C St., NW., LS-510
Washington, DC 20240-0001
202-452-0350

**MONTANA, NORTH &
SOUTH DAKOTA**
Bureau of Land Management
Public Room
222 North 32nd Street
P.O. Box 36800
Billings, MT 59107-2904
406-255-2882

**REGIONAL OFFICES
FOREST SERVICE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Forest Service, USDA
Northern Region (R-1)
Federal Building
P.O. Box 7669
Missoula, MT 59807-7669
406-329-3511

Forest Service, USDA
Alaska Region (R-10)
P.O. Box 21628
Juneau, AK 99802-1628
907-586-8863

Forest Service, USDA
Rocky Mountain Region (R-2)
740 Simms Street
P.O. Box 25127
Lakewood, CO 80225
303-275-5350

Forest Service, USDA
Southwestern Region (R-3)
Federal Building
517 Gold Avenue, SW.
Albuquerque, NM 87102
505-842-3292

Forest Service, USDA
Pacific Southwest Region (R-5)
630 Sansome Street
San Francisco, CA 94111
415-705-2874

Forest Service, USDA
Intermountain Region (R-4)
Federal Building
324 25th Street
Ogden, UT 84401-2310
801-625-5149

Forest Service, USDA
Pacific Northwest Region (R-6)
333 S.W. 1st Avenue
P.O. Box 3623
Portland, OR 97208
503-326-3651

WASHINGTON, DC OFFICE:
Forest Service, USDA
201 14th & Independence Ave., SW
P.O. Box 96090
Washington, DC 20090-6090
202-205-1760

Forest Service, USDA
Southern Region (R-8)
1720 Peachtree Road, NW.
Atlanta, GA 30367
404-347-2384

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