

NOTICE TO MINING CLAIMANTS FY2005 FILING REQUIREMENTS

WHAT ARE MY FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005?

If you have:

Over 10 mining claims: You **MUST** pay a maintenance fee of \$125 per claim.

10 or fewer mining claims: You may pay the \$125 per claim maintenance fee.

OR

You may file a Maintenance Fee Payment Waiver Certification** (no fee required) **AND** file an affidavit of labor for work performed along with \$5 per claim.

WHAT SHOULD I INCLUDE WITH MY FILING?

I am filing:

Maintenance Fees: A list of the claim names and BLM-assigned serial numbers and fees.

Maintenance Fee Waiver**:
A list of the claim names and BLM-assigned serial numbers and the original signatures of all owners of record. **No fees are required**. If you cannot obtain the signatures, the maintenance fees must be paid.

Affidavit of Labor: A list of the claim names and BLM-assigned serial numbers, the dates work or improvements was performed, the character of the work, and the total value of the work or improvements and fees.

****The regulations at 43 CFR 3835.10 require that you use Form 3830-2 when applying for a waiver of the maintenance fees.**

For additional forms, please call (406) 896-5004.

When is my filing required to be received at the Bureau of Land Management Office?

Maintenance Fees: Postmarked on or before
September 1, 2004.

Maintenance Fee Waiver** : Postmarked on or before
September 1, 2004.

Affidavit of Labor: Postmarked on or before
December 30, 2004.

All filings must be postmarked by a bona fide mail delivery service or hand carried into the proper BLM State Office, to be considered timely filed.

It is recommended that mining claimants mail their filings early by certified-return receipt mail to ensure that BLM has received their filing.

Where do I mail my filing?

For claims located in Montana, South Dakota, or North Dakota: Bureau of Land Management
5001 Southgate Drive
P.O. Box 36800
Billings, Montana 59107

NOTE: Filings are also required to be recorded in the county or local recording office where the claims are located.

What happens if I fail to make my filing or if my filing is late?

Claims will be deemed to be forfeited and claimants will lose their claims.

Can I check to see if my filing has been processed?

Filings are processed in date order. Claimants wishing to check on their filing via the internet may log into:

<http://www.blm.gov/lr2000>