

CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION



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Lets file a mining claim...

- Choose an area that you are interested in mining
- Take that specific area and put a township, range and section to it (surface management maps in public room show you who manages the surface, ie: private, BLM, USFS)
- Review the Master Title Plat (MTP) and Historical Index (HI) to determine ownership of the land and if the land is open to mineral entry(www.nv.blm.gov/landrecords)
- Make sure no one has a prior right to the area you want to claim (www.blm.gov/lr2000);
- Make sure you staked your claim boundaries in accordance with Nevada state laws. (www.leg.state.nv.us)

Put it in writing.....

- Federal regulations state (43 CFR 3833.1) “Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) requires you to record all mining claims & sites with the State office of the BLM *and the local recording office...*”
- You do this by providing a Certificate of Location. (COL)

- What is a Certificate of Location (COL) and why do you need one?
- Where do you find information on how to fill out the forms and under what authority?
- What information do you have to put the form?
- What happens if you make a mistake on your COL?
- How, Where, When do you file a COL for your new claim?
- How much does it cost to file a COL?

What is a COL & why do I need one?

- The Certificate of Location is the backbone of the mining claim file.
- Puts the public on notice that you have staked a claim on a specific piece of ground
- Allows Federal and State entities a means of tracking mines/claims on public lands
- Federal law requires recordation of mining claims on federal land.

Where are the forms and what information is required?

- There are state approved Certificate of Location forms (http://minerals.state.nv.us/formspubs_mining.htm)
- If you choose to prepare your own document it must contain the following required information: (43 CFR 3833.11)
 - Name & address of each locator
 - Date of location
 - Type of claim/site
 - Name of claim/site
 - Location of claim/site-legal description
 - Size of claim/site-acreage

Name & Address of Locator(s)

- All the locators of the claim must be stated on the COL with addresses listed for each of them.
- Even if the address is the same (reside at same address) as another locator, it must still be set out on the COL for each locator.
- You can have an Agent that will act/sign for all the locators, however that does not negate the address requirement of each locator.
- If you are the Agent for the locators you must indicate your capacity next to your name and it will be reflected in our LR2000 system as such. ie: John Doe, Agent

Date of Location

- The date of location is the date that you made your discovery or located your claim.
- The date you file your COL must be within 90 days of your location date. If you file your COL on day 91, your filing will be rejected.
- If you send in your COL by mail, then we will honor the official USPS postmark date, if it is within the 90 day period from your date of location.
- Seniority is based on “location date” NOT filing date...if you do not provide a location date we will use the date you filed your COL as your “location date of record”.

Type of Claim/Site

Placer Claim

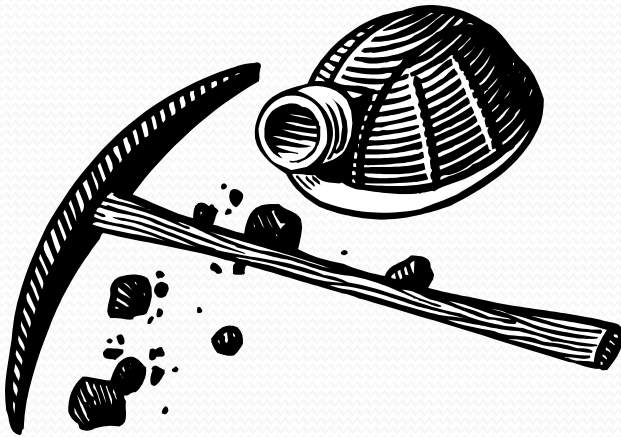
River sands or gravels; rock not in original place; may not exceed 20 acres per individual claimant; maximum size is 160 acres, all locators must be identified; claim must be **contiguous****; if in surveyed township must be described by aliquot part down to the acreage size; if in un-surveyed township then COL must state the quarter section on the COL and it must be accompanied by a map/sketch describing the location of the claim accurately enough for BLM to identify the claim on the ground. (43 CFR 3832.12 and 3832.21)



**Federal Aid Highway-amend to exclude one side

**side by side, or end to end. Corners are not considered contiguous.

Lode Claim



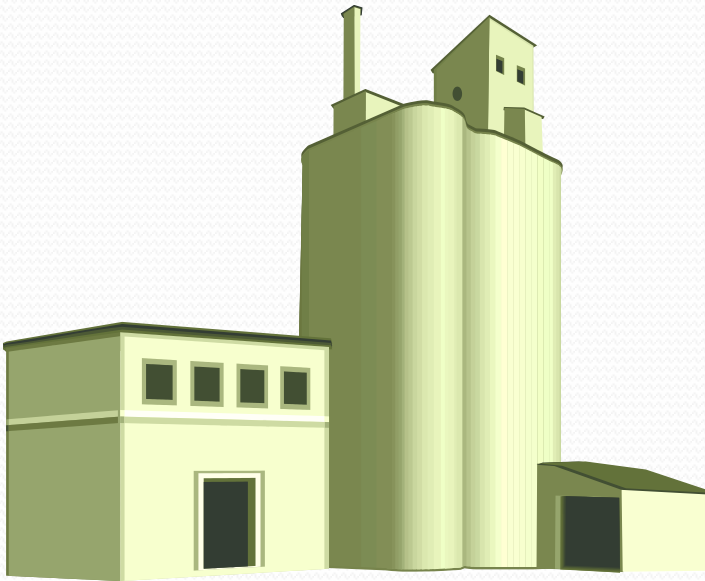
Veins, lodes, ledges, or other rock in place; not to exceed 1500 ft. by 600 ft. (300 ft on each side of the middle of the vein/lode) COL must state the quarter section and it must be accompanied by a map/sketch describing the location of the claim accurately enough for BLM to identify the claim on the ground. (43 CFR 3832.12 and 3832.22)

Mill Site

Non-mineral land not contiguous to vein or lode used for activities related to mineral development of associated lode or placer, or for independent milling or reduction; not to exceed 5 acres.

Description of the location of the site can be by either of the above two methods.

(43 CFR 3832.33)



Tunnel Site



Subsurface right-of-way used for access to lode claims or exploration for undiscovered lodes; not to exceed 3000 ft. in length with a radius of 1500 ft. (43 CFR 3832.41)

You must file a Lode Claim if you make a discovery in order to have rights to those minerals.

Name of Claim/Site

- Your COL must state the name of your claim or site.
- Keep it simple in order to make it easier to do searches in LR2000

Location of claim/site-Legal description and size of claim

- Placer claims should be described in Aliquot Part (AP) down to the actual acreage amount of claim. ie: a 20 acre claim would be described as S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, a 40 acre claim would be NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (there are few exceptions)
- The legal description on the COL for the lode claim must state the legal description down to the quarter section, the map page will further describe and set out the coordinates for the claim itself.
- Exceeding acreage/size limits will result in a Notice being sent out to the claimant asking for an amendment to reduce the size/acreage of the claim. Non-compliance or no response to the Notice will result in the claim being declared forfeit and void.

Filing a COL for a new claim:

- The date you locate your new claim plays a major role in the fees you pay at the time of filing. Vickie Wyatt will discuss this in more detail in her session.
- The date you file your new claim with BLM and the County recorder **MUST** be within 90 days of the location date stated on the COL.
- You can file a copy of the original COL that you filed with the County with us, and record the original with the County Recorders' office.

New Claim Filing Fees

- The current (2014) filing fee for a new lode claim, mill site, tunnel site, or 20 acre placer mining claim is \$194.00, broken down as follows:
 - \$20.00 non-refundable processing fee
 - \$34.00 location fee
 - \$140.00 *initial* year maintenance fee

Placer claims are calculated at \$140.00 per 20 acres or portion thereof, in addition to the processing and location fees

Current Filing Fees for New Placer Claims containing more than 20 acres **

- \$20 Non-refundable Processing Fee
- \$34 Location Fee

Initial Year Maintenance Fee is calculated as follows:

- \$280 > 20 acres and <= 40 acres
- \$420 > 40 acres and <= 60 acres
- \$560 > 60 acres and <= 80 acres
- \$700 > 80 acres and <= 100 acres
- \$840 > 100 acres and <= 120 acres
- \$980 > 120 acres and <= 140 acres
- \$1,120 > 140 acres and <= 160 acres

- **located prior to 9/1/2014

Filing Fees for *New Claims located on or after September 1, 2014 (2015 Assmnt Yr)*

- \$20 Non-refundable Processing Fee
- \$37 Location Fee

Initial Year Maintenance Fee is calculated as follows:

- \$155 <= 20 acre placers, lode, & mill or tunnel sites
- \$310 > 20 acres and <= 40 acres
- \$465 > 40 acres and <= 60 acres
- \$620 > 60 acres and <= 80 acres
- \$775 > 80 acres and <= 100 acres
- \$930 > 100 acres and <= 120 acres
- \$1,085 > 120 acres and <= 140 acres
- \$1,240 > 140 acres and <= 160 acres

The 2015 Maintenance Fees are increased \$15 regardless of location date

That gives you a brief overview of the process of filing a Certificate of Location for your new claim.

The following screens will review and narrate the completion of a Certificate of Location for Placer and Lode Mining Claims as well as a Mill Site.

Certificate of Location Placer Mining Claim

The following Document contains no Personal Information as defined by NRS 603A.040

**CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
PLACER MINING CLAIM LOCATED BY ALIQUOT PART
OF RECTANGULAR SURVEY (ASSOCIATION)**

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The locator hereby certifies that he has located the _____ Placer Claim in the following quarter sections(s):

1/4	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
_____	_____	_____	_____	MDB&M
_____	_____	_____	_____	MDB&M
_____	_____	_____	_____	MDB&M
_____	_____	_____	_____	MDB&M

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in _____ County, Nevada, on the _____ day of _____, 20__.

The monument of location is located on the north boundary of the Claim, as follows:

The Placer Claim is approximately _____ feet in the _____ direction and _____ feet in the _____ direction, being the _____ (legal subdivision) of the above described section. Said Placer Claim contains _____ acres, more or less.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Owner, Claimant, or Agent

1	Signature	_____
	Name (printed)	_____
	Address, City, ST Zip	_____
2	Signature	_____
	Name (printed)	_____
	Address, City, ST Zip	_____
3	Signature	_____
	Name (printed)	_____
	Address, City, ST Zip	_____

Enter qtr section

90 days to file

AP description to match acreage

ALL locators-name & address

Placer Claim –
Aliquot Part description

Location date –vs–
filing date – 90 days

The AP description
matches the acreage
amount of claim

More accurate description
means less chance of top filing

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**CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
PLACER MINING CLAIM LOCATED BY ALIQUOT PART
OF RECTANGULAR SURVEY**

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The locator hereby certifies that he has located the
GEORGIA 12 Placer Claim in the following
quarter section(s):

1/4	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
<u>W. NE 1 SW 1</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>6S</u>	<u>43E</u>	<u>MDB&M</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>MDB&M</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>MDB&M</u>

DOC #779550
Official Records Nye County NV
Deborah Beatty - Recorder
02/07/2012 01:10:16 PM
Requested By: SOLAURO INDUSTRIES INC
Recorded By: ip
Recording Fee: \$14.00
Non-Conformity Fee: \$0.00
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in NYE County, Nevada, on the 18th day of November, 2012.

The monument of locator is located on the north boundary of the claim, as follows:
A 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 x 4' wooden post at the NW corner

Name and mailing address of locator is: Solauro Industries Inc.
1034 Emerald Bay Road, Suite 533
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

The Placer Claim is approximately 1320 feet in the north-south direction and 880 feet in
the east-west direction, being the W. NE 1 SW 1 (legal subdivision) of the above described
section. Said Placer Claim contains 20 acres, more or less.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2012.

NAME OF LOCATOR:

By [Signature]
Owner, Claimant, or Agent Signature
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Owner, Claimant, or Agent Name (printed)

Nevada Placer Certificate of Location - NRS 517.110
Located by Aliquot Part of Rectangular Survey

Certificate of Location Lode Mining Claim

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**CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
LODE MINING CLAIM**

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The locator hereby certifies that he has caused to be located the _____ Lode Mining Claim in the following quarter sections(s):

1/4	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
_____	_____	_____	_____	MDB&M
_____	_____	_____	_____	MDB&M
_____	_____	_____	_____	MDB&M
_____	_____	_____	_____	MDB&M

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in _____ County, Nevada, on the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Name and mailing address of locator is: _____

The Claim is approximately _____ feet long and _____ feet wide, such that _____ feet are claimed in a _____ direction and _____ feet in a _____ direction from the point of discovery (monument of location), at which the Notice of Location was posted, together with _____ feet on each side of the monument of location and center line of the Claim. The general course of the lode or vein is from the _____ to the _____ direction.

The number, location and markings on each corner monument are as follows:

No.	Location	Markings	Description
No. 1:	_____	_____	_____
No. 2:	_____	_____	_____
No. 3:	_____	_____	_____
No. 4:	_____	_____	_____

As erected on the ground, each corner monument is marked as described above by _____ (e.g. metal tags, paint on posts).

The work of location consisted of making a claim map as provided in NRS 517.040.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

NAME OF LOCATOR:

By _____
Owner, Claimant, or Agent Signature

Owner, Claimant, or Agent Name (printed)

Enter all qtr secs that claim lies in

90 days to file

...such that 1450' N, 50' S ..from mon loc

Describe all 4 corners/markings/ posts/rock pile, etc.

Lode claim –
qtr section provided

Distance is from
location monument

This one is on a state
approved form

The following Document contains no Personal Information as defined by NRS 603A.044

**CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
LODE MINING CLAIM**

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The locator hereby certifies that he has caused to be located the DEEP BRIDGE Lode Mining Claim in the following quarter section(s):

1/4	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
SW	5	22S	51E	MD&M
				MD&M
				MD&M
				MD&M

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in CLARK County, Nevada, on the 19th day of JUNE, 2012

Name and mailing address of locator is: JACK GOULD & JOHN NEFF
9257 OUTER BANKS AVE
LAS VEGAS, NV 89149

The Claim is approximately 1500 feet long and 600 feet wide, such that 750 feet are claimed in a APX N direction and 750 feet in a APX S direction from the point of discovery (monument of location), at which the Notice of Location was posted, together with 300 feet on each side of the monument of location and center line of the Claim. The general course of the lode or vein is from the APX N to the APX S direction.

The number, location and markings on each corner monument are as follows:

No. of	Location	Markings	Description
No. 1:	SW CORNER	SEC # 1	12" x 12" x 4" wood white
No. 2:	SE CORNER	SEC # 2	12" x 12" x 4" wood white
No. 3:	NW CORNER	SEC # 3	12" x 12" x 4" wood white
No. 4:	NE CORNER	SEC # 4	12" x 12" x 4" wood white

As erected on the ground, each corner monument is marked as described above by PAINT OR POST (e.g. metal tags, paint on posts).

The work of location consisted of making a claim map as provided in NRS 317.040.

Dated this 19th day of JUNE, 2012.

NAME OF LOCATOR:

By JACK GOULD
Owner, Claimant, or Agent Signature

JACK GOULD / JOHN NEFF
Owner, Claimant, or Agent Name (printed)

Suggested Form - Nevada Division of Minerals (REV. 4/15/2009 LV)
Nevada Lode Certificate of Location - NRS 317.038

Lode Claim on
form claimant created

All the information
required is here

**CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
NEVADA-LODE MINING CLAIM**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that
MinQuest Inc., whose address is 4235 Christy Way,
Reno, NV. 89519, has located and claimed the **MIH**
Lode Mining Claim in the following quarter section(s):

SW 1/4, Section 3, Township 26N, Range 52E, MDB&M,
in Eureka County, Nevada, on the 1st day of May, 2012.

SAID CLAIM IS A **LODE CLAIM**, it being situated in the above mentioned County
and State, and is approximately 1500 feet long and 600 feet wide, such that 20 feet is
claimed in a West direction and 1480 feet in an East direction from the point of discovery
(monument of location), at which the Notice of Location was posted, together with 300
feet on each side of the monument of location and center line of the Claim. The general
course of the lode or vein is from North to South.

THE NUMBER, LOCATION, AND MARKINGS On each monument are as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Markings</u>	<u>Description</u>
No. 1 Northeast corner,	diagram, metal tag.	2"x2"x4' wooden post
No. 2 Southeast corner,	diagram, metal tag.	2"x2"x4' wooden post
No. 3 Southwest corner,	diagram, metal tag.	2"x2"x4' wooden post
No. 4 Northwest corner,	diagram, metal tag	2"x2"x4' wooden post

A CLAIM MAP as required by NRS 517.040 is included as part of the work of location.

DATED this 18th day of June, 2012

RICHARD KERN

BY: 
Agent

Certificate of Location Mill Site

Mill Sites can be located by either of the two methods previously shown

You will insert the name of the claim(s) related to site

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CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION
MILL SITE

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The locator hereby certifies that he has caused to be located the _____ Mill Site in the following quarter

sections(s):	<u>1/4</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Meridian</u>
	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>MDB&M</u>
	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>MDB&M</u>
	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>MDB&M</u>
	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>MDB&M</u>

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in _____ County, Nevada, on the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Name and mailing address of locator is: _____

Said locator is the proprietor or owner of the _____ (un)patented mining claims generally located in _____ County, Nevada.

The Mill Site is approximately _____ feet in the _____ direction and _____ feet in the _____ direction. Said Mill Site contains _____ acres, more or less. The monument of location is located as follows: _____

The number, location and markings on each corner monument are as follows:

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Markings</u>	<u>Description</u>
No. 1:	_____	_____	_____
No. 2:	_____	_____	_____
No. 3:	_____	_____	_____
No. 4:	_____	_____	_____

As erected on the ground, each corner monument is marked as described above by _____ (e.g. metal tags, paint on posts).

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

NAME OF LOCATOR:

By _____
 Owner, Claimant, or Agent Signature

 Owner, Claimant, or Agent Name (printed)

Filing of COL not necessarily final step....

You received your receipt for payment along with a copy of your COL with your Nevada Mining Claim number (NMC) stamped on it.

**ISSUANCE OF A SERIAL NUMBER (NMC) DOES NOT
MEAN EVERYTHING IS OKAY WITH YOUR LOCATION**

At a later date, a land status determination will be done to ensure the claim/site is located on federal land open to mineral entry AND that your filing is complete and in accordance with current federal regulations.

If you filed your COL properly you will see a notation in LR2000 that says “Land Status Checked”. You will not get notification of properly filed COLs.

There are two types of errors.....

- If there are problems/issues with your COL then you will get either a Decision or a Notice.
- If a FATAL ERROR is found, such as exceeding the 90 day filing deadline or locating on private lands or lands that have been withdrawn or closed to mineral entry, a **DECISION** will be issued declaring the claim Null & Void. (43 CFR 3830.91) A refund will be issued.
- If a CURABLE ERROR is found, a **NOTICE** will be issued to you and you will be granted 30 days to correct the error by filing an Amended COL (43 CFR3830.94)

*a “no response” will be deemed the same as a no compliance and the claim will be considered “abandoned and void” and will be closed on our records.

You CAN amend for CURABLE errors such as to:

- Correct the legal land description (LLD)
- Reduce the size of your claim
- Change the name of your claim
- Clarify boundary lines or monument locations.....
- Typos in the name, legal or any part of the COL

Provided that BLM recognizes the original location as a properly recorded and maintained mining claim or site.

Amended COLs.....

The only document you have to record first with the county, before filing with us, is an **Amended COL**. An Amended COL must have the county recorder's stamp on it before we will accept it at BLM. There is a \$10.00 per claim non-refundable processing fee for amendments. There is no charge to file an amended map with BLM.

If the amendment is due to a Notice that you received from BLM due to a **curable defect** in the original COL, you will only have **30 days from receipt** of the Notice to get the amendment filed with both the county and BLM. (43 CFR 3830.94 (b))

If you discover an error and amend without getting a notice from BLM, you have 90 days from the date you record the amendment with the county to get it filed with BLM. (43 CFR 3833.22(a))

You CANNOT amend your COL to:

- Transfer or add interest/ownership in claim
- Increase the size of your claim or site
- Change the type of claim you are filing
- Change the date of location
- Move your claim on the ground (you can adjust your boundary or orientation of your lode claim to follow the vein-provided your location monument does not change)

In Conclusion.....

- Pick out your area for mining and get it to a MTRS description;
- Do your research on the status of the land;
- Stake your claims following state laws;
- Complete your COL and map pursuant to regulations...double check for errors and content prior to recording and filing to save money & time on amendments.
- We are here to assist with any questions you may have when preparing your Certificate of Location and your Maps. The staff in the I.A.C. (Public Room) is also here to assist you with any questions you may have in completing these forms.