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Throughout recorded history "gold fever" has occurred many times. It has subsided only to re-appear on a local or worldwide basis as it is doing again today.

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The author is a Mining Engineer with a lifetime of experience in this worldwide industry. Research for the book took several years to compile. Each item illustrated has a "Rarity Factor" showing how many

are known or estimated to be in existence by the author.

Here are comments from one who has read GOLD FEVER: "I'm still dreaming of mule trains, pony express riders and prospectors panning for gold.



Ken Kutz

"It was a thrill to go on this philatelic journey that gave me a hands-on view of history. Your book helped me visualize the dreams, the pain, the despair and the triumphs of men and women who made history. They are people we can relate to.

"Your narrative pulls it all together like the great camp-fire story tellers. Your sensitivity to the feelings of the letter writers and your

attention to detail makes the drama come alive.

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If you have not caught "gold fever" by now keep reading. You'll discover this may well be one of the most unique and comprehensive books ever published about the fascinating subject of gold.

The illustration covers on this page are from the book. Notice each has a "Rarity Factor" rating. Five R's is the top rating. There is only one known to be in existence. Four R's indicate 2 to 5 are known. Three R's show those from 6 to 10. Two R's mean 11 to 25 are in existence. One R groups those from 26 to 100. If there is no R rating, there are estimated to be more than 100 in existence.

The Table of Contents reads like a "Who's Who" of the gold mining world. There are interesting stories and illustrations about the New World, Brazil, the California 49'ers, the Colorado 59'ers, New South Wales, Victoria, British Columbia, New Zealand, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia, Nova Scotia, Southern Africa, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Colombia, Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras, Mexico, Russia, Japan, Korea, Klondike, Alaska and many states in the U.S.A. where gold has been found. There is even a chapter on transport of gold through the mails.



Historians have found many ways to describe the history of mining with words and pictures but little if anything has ever been done to bring back those exciting times with philately. GOLD FEVER does just that.

About 10 years ago the author started to put together a collection of mining postal history. His travels allowed him to visit old mining areas and cover dealers all over the world. Materials acquired from them, from friends and at auctions helped him put together a very comprehensive collection.

During the preparation of the book he exhibited some of the more important material now contained in the manuscript in 5 national and 2 international competitions. In every case he received a Gold Medal in addition to felicitations, 3 Reserve Grand Awards as well as several other honors.

When he first became interested in mining philatelic history he searched in vain for publications that adequately covered the subject. There were none until now. GOLD FEVER brings together over forty years of experience in both mining and philately and does it in a way that makes history fun again.

While preparing the book additional covers have surfaced that should be part of the manuscript. But there had to be a cut-off point. Even now the material not contained in GOLD FEVER is of such proportions that a voice is starting to whisper "Volume Two".

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RECORDING AND MAINTAINING MINING CLAIMS WITH BLM

MINING

NOTICE OF LOCATION

State and federal laws provide that if you discover valuable deposits of minerals on federal lands you can establish claims to the minerals by posting location notices where you claim minerals and then filing the notices with the appropriate county and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The location notice that you file establishes your claim to minerals in a specified location. It may be an original claim that you staked or one that you acquired from a previous owner.

BEFORE CLAIMING MINERALS

Before you prospect for minerals or file a location notice, determine whether or not the land is open to mining. You can check land status records in BLM's Oregon-Washington State Office in Portland or in district offices.

Also inspect county records for recently located mining claims before you locate a claim. Because BLM allows 90 days after the date of location to file a notice of location, a claim may have been located but not yet recorded on BLM records.

FILING DEADLINE

You must file a location notice with BLM within 90 days after the claim was located or the claim is considered abandoned.

WHERE TO FILE CLAIMS LOCATED IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON

An exact legible copy of the notice of location recorded with a county in Oregon or Washington and other filing requirements are to be filed with the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, 825 NE Multnomah, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208. You can file by mail or in person.

A notice of location must give the date of location, state whether it is a placer claim, lode claim, mineral mill site, or tunnel site, and provide other information specified by State law. It is helpful to identify on the location notice the kind of mineral discovered, name of the claim, and legal description of the land, including the State,

township, range, section, quarter-section, and subdivision.

The copy of the location notice you file with BLM must show the date it was previously filed with the county, as well as the county's book, page, or other document number indicating where it was recorded.

SERVICE FEE

When you submit mining claims for recording with BLM you pay a \$5.00 service fee payment for each claim or site filed. This is a one time non-refundable fee payment. No additional fees are charged for filing amended notices of location for claims already recorded, transfers of interest, notices of intention to hold claims, plan of operations, or affidavits of assessment work performed (proof of labor). A personal check or money order made payable to the Department of the Interior—BLM, is preferable.

MINING CLAIM OWNER

The name of the mining claim owner (or owners) should be clearly indicated on the location notice and on other related papers. Notices of actions affecting recorded claims are mailed to those who recorded the claim with BLM.

MAILING ADDRESS

Designate where you want correspondence about your mining claim sent. This is particularly important if there are co-owners with different addresses. Notify BLM if the mailing address is changed.

CLAIM NAME OR NUMBER

Your notice of location and maps should clearly identify the name of your mining claim, or any number that you may have assigned to it.

BLM MINING CLAIM SERIAL NUMBER

When your claim is recorded by BLM, a BLM mining claim serial number will be assigned. The serial number will be preceded by the letters OR MC. Use the BLM mining claim serial number, as well as the name or number you assigned to it, when filing notices of assessment work or in any other correspondence about the mining claim.

UPDATING YOUR CLAIM

To retain your mining claim, it is necessary for you to ensure that BLM records are complete, accurate, and current.

To extend your mineral claim in succeeding years you must either perform required assessment work and file a statement to that effect with BLM, or you must file a notice of your intention to hold the claim or site. These statements must be filed with the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office, 825 NE Multnomah Street, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208.

To retain your claims, an assessment statement or notice of intention to hold the claim must be recorded with BLM on or before December 30, of the year following the calendar year in which the claim was located and thereafter each year on or before December 30.

There is no BLM service fee for recording assessment statements or notices of intention to hold claims or sites.

AUTOMATIC ABANDONMENT

If you do not file a notice of location within the 90 days allowed after discovery, or if you do not update the claim record by December 30 of each year, your claim is abandoned. It is important for you to send filings to BLM before the deadlines. BLM does not provide advance reminders.

Assessment statements or notices are acknowledged when received at BLM's Oregon State Office. BLM mining claim (OR MC) numbers must be marked on statements or notices. If county recording is not shown, you will be asked for a copy that does show county document recording numbers and dates indicating that the document was recorded with the county within the time limits. (County recording is not required for notice of intention to hold mill or tunnel sites.)

If you want proof that documents you mail to BLM are received before the deadlines, you may wish to use certified mail with return receipt.

AMENDED LOCATIONS

If you need to correct defects in your original notice of location, you should file an amended notice of location with BLM within 90 days. The amended notice should cite the BLM serial number (OR MC) assigned to the claim. There is no service fee for recording an amended notice of location if the claim is already recorded with BLM.

OWNERSHIP TRANSFERS

Statements concerning transfer of an ownership interest—which is the right to sell or transfer all or part of a claim or site—must be filed with BLM. You may use a quit-claim deed for this purpose; but, if one is not available, a written statement giving the BLM serial number (OR MC), claim name, name and address of the new owner(s), and the extent of interest transferred is satisfactory. Only transfers of ownership interest need be recorded with BLM; it is not necessary for you to file statements about leases or operating agreements.

PURPOSE OF MINING CLAIMS

If you comply with all provisions of applicable federal and state laws, you may take valuable minerals from the area described in your claim.

On an unpatented mining claim, you may use only as much of the surface and surface resources as reasonably necessary to conduct mining operations. You may not use the area for other purposes.

The Federal government retains the right to manage the surface and the surface resources. A record of the location of your mining claim helps the managing federal agency minimize conflicts among various resource uses.

VALIDITY

For a mining claim to be valid, the land must have been open to mining at the time of location and it must contain a valuable mineral deposit. A mining claim is not valid unless valuable minerals have been discovered and still exist.

The liability for unlawful uses of mining claims is unaffected by the question of whether the claims are valid or invalid, and damages figure from the start of wrongful use.

MINING OPERATIONS AND RECLAMATION

If you expect to disturb less than five acres during a year, you must notify the nearest BLM district manager or Forest Service district ranger at least 15 days before starting operations. If the disturbance will be more than five acres, then you must file a plan of operation with the appropriate federal agency and receive approval of the plan before starting. In both cases, reclamation of the area is required.

COPIES OF REGULATIONS

You can pick up copies of regulations pertaining to mining on federal lands managed by BLM and the Forest Service from Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, 825 NE Multnomah Street, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208, phone 503-231-6281.

Copies of state mining regulations are available from the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, 1069 State Office Building, 1400 SW 5th Avenue, Portland, OR 97201, phone 503-229-5580, or from the Washington Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geology and Earth Resources, Public Lands Building, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 206-234-3183.

INFORMATION AND SERVICES

Mining claim records pertaining to all federal lands in Oregon and Washington are open for public inspection at BLM's Oregon-Washington State Office in Portland. Computerized mining claim records are listed in three formats: (1) land description, (2) owner's name, and (3) claim name.

Federal land and mineral ownership is shown on intermediate scale maps (1:100,000) on Master Title Plats which are available for inspection or purchase from the BLM Oregon State Office and district offices.

Information about specific mining claims is not provided over the telephone and BLM does not abstract or interpret the legal effect of record entries. Mining claim conflicts are decided by state courts; it is improper for BLM employees to comment on such matters.

Information about mineral resource inventories on federal lands can be obtained from BLM district offices.

The following materials are available from the Oregon State Office of the Bureau of Land Management:

Circular No. 2289: Regulations Pertaining To Mining Claims Under The General Mining Laws Of 1872

Circular No. 2516A: Recordation Of Unpatented Mining Claims

Brochures:

Staking a Mining Claim on Federal Lands.

How to Apply for a Patent Application

Surface Management Regulations for Claims on BLM Lands (Subpart 3809)

Indexes: Indexes of Intermediate Scale Maps (1:100,000) covering Oregon and Washington.

Schedule: Fees for copies of records and maps.