

# General Guidelines for Your Annual 2013 Mining Claims Filings



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## **WHO**

Anyone who has any ACTIVE lode claims, placer claims, mill sites or tunnel sites on file with the BLM who wants to keep those claims after September 1, 2013.

## **WHAT and WHEN**

You may be required to file and/or record one or more of these documents.

***Small Miners Waiver***  
***Annual Maintenance Fee***  
***Affidavit of Assessment Work***  
***Intention to Hold***

## **Small Miners**

If you and ALL persons on ALL of your association claims hold 10 or fewer mining claims, you may file a ***Small Miners Waiver*** and waive the 2014 ***Annual Maintenance Fee***. This must be done on or before September 3, 2013.

If you filed a ***Small Miners Waiver*** in 2012, you must also record an ***Affidavit of Assessment Work*** into the County Recorder's office in the county where the claim is located AND file a copy with the BLM on or before December **30**, 2013

If you have Mill Sites and/or Tunnel Sites they do not require assessment work. You will need to record an ***Intention to Hold*** with the appropriate County Recorder AND file a copy with the BLM on or before December **30**, 2013.

## **Other Miners**

All other claim holders must pay an ***Annual Maintenance Fee*** with the BLM of \$140 for each Lode Claim, Mill Site and Tunnel Site. For each Placer Claim you must pay \$140 for each 20 acres and portion thereof. For example; a placer claim that is the size of a standard lode claim (600 ft x 1500 ft) is 20.66 acres and will require a payment of \$280.

If you are paying an Annual Maintenance Fee you are required by law to record an ***Intention to Hold*** at the County Recorder's office on your existing claims each year. The BLM can not declare your claims as "abandoned" for failure to make this public filing but it is a good idea to do so.

Follow the attached chart to determine what you need to file and to determine how much it will cost you.

## **WHERE**

### **BLM**

Documents that are required to be filed with the BLM need to be filed at the appropriate State BLM office not your BLM Field Office.

[Alaska BLM Office](#)

[Arizona BLM Office](#)

[California BLM Office](#)

[Colorado BLM Office](#)

[Idaho BLM Office](#)

[Montana BLM Office](#) – Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota

[Nevada BLM Office](#)

[New Mexico BLM Office](#) – New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas & Kansas

[Utah BLM Office](#)

[Wyoming BLM Office](#)

[Eastern States BLM Office](#)

### **County Recorder**

Documents that are required to be recorded with the county need to be recorded at the County Recorder's office(s) in the county where your claim(s) is located.

[Links to County Recorders](#)

Please remember that these are General Guidelines only. I encourage all miners to study the appropriate mining laws for a full understanding of the filing requirements.

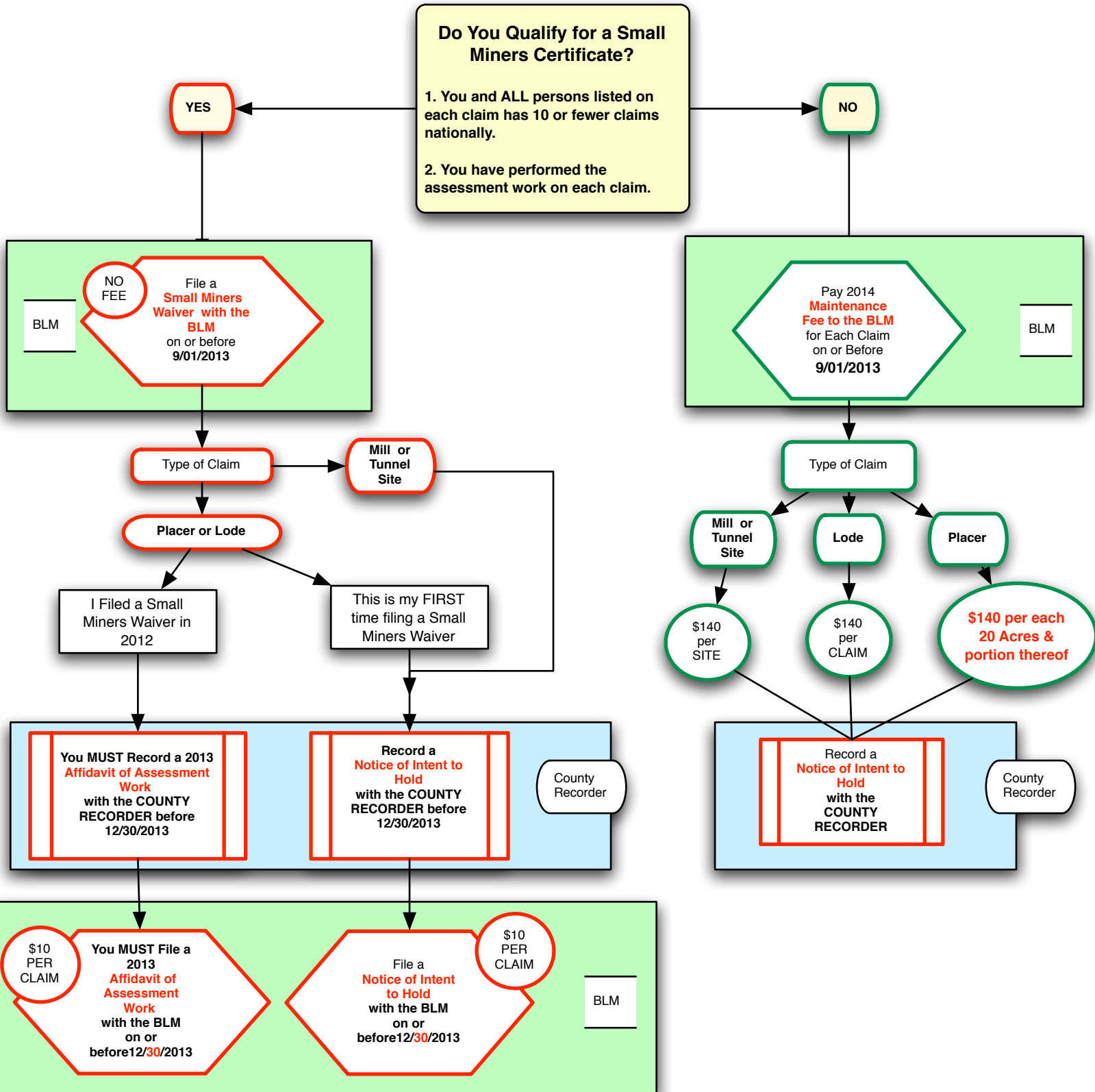
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# Flow Chart 2013 Annual Mining Claims Filings

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