

General Guidelines for Your Annual 2012 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, 2012.

WHAT and WHEN

You may be required to file 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 2013 **Annual Maintenance Fee**. This must be done on or before September 1st. 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, 2012

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, 2012.

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.

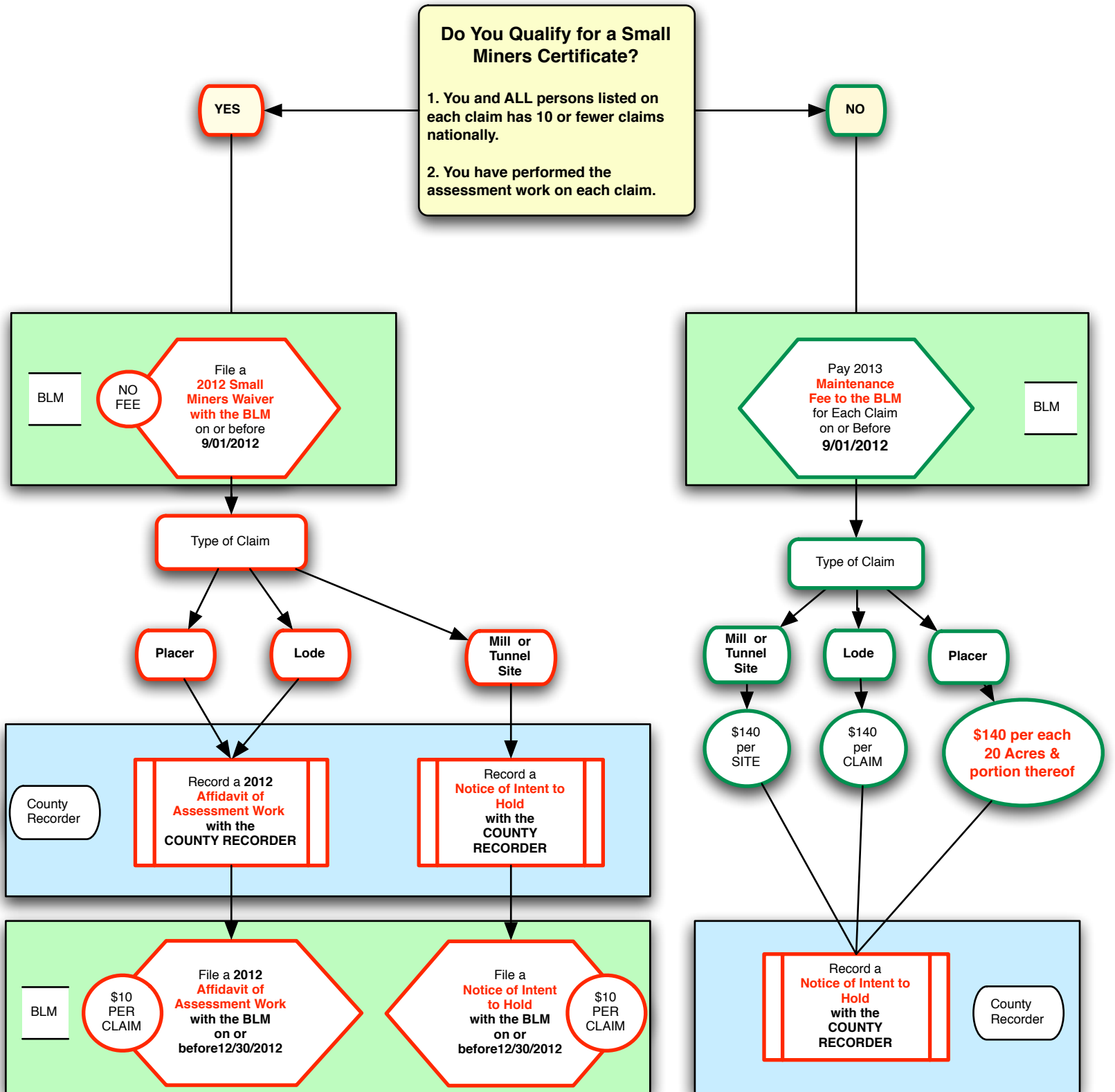
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Flow Chart 2012 Annual Mining Claims Filings

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