

knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, may be subject to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(h) Any party adversely affected by a decision of the authorized officer made pursuant to the provisions of this subpart shall have a right of appeal pursuant to part 4 of this title.

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Subpart 3840—Types of Claims

§ 3840.1 Classes of mining claims.

Mining claims are of two distinct classes: lode claims and placers.

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Subpart 3841—Lode Claims

SOURCE: 35 FR 9750, June 13, 1970, unless otherwise noted.

§ 3841.1 Lodes located previous to May 10, 1872.

The status of lode claims located or patented previous to May 10, 1872, is not changed with regard to their extent along the lode or width of surface; but the claim is enlarged by 2322 and 2328, R.S. (30 U.S.C. 26, 33), by investing the locator, his heirs or assigns, with the right to follow, upon the conditions stated therein, all veins, lodes, or ledges, the top or apex of which lies inside of the surface lines of his claim.

§ 3841.2 Lodes must not have been adversely claimed.

It is to be distinctly understood that the law limits the possessory right to veins, lodes, or ledges, other than the one named in the original location, to such as were not adversely claimed on May 10, 1872, and that where such other vein or ledge was so adversely claimed at that date the right of the party so adversely claiming is in no way impaired by the act of that date.

§ 3841.3 Discovery.

§ 3841.3–1 Discovery required before location.

No lode claim shall be located until after the discovery of a vein or lode within the limits of the claim, the object of which provision is evidently to prevent the appropriation of presumed mineral ground for speculative purposes, to the exclusion of bona fide prospectors, before sufficient work has been done to determine whether a vein or lode really exists.

§ 3841.3–2 Discovery work.

The claimant should, therefore, prior to locating his claim, unless the vein can be traced upon the surface, sink a