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§ 3715.7-2 What happens if I do not comply with a BLM order?

If you do not comply with a BLM order issued under § 3715.7-1, the Department of the Interior may request the United States Attorney to institute a civil action in United States District Court for an injunction or order to prevent you from using or occupying the public lands in violation of the regulations of this subpart. This relief may be in addition to the enforcement actions described in § 3715.7-1 and the penalties described in § 3715.8.

§ 3715.8 What penalties are available to BLM for violations of this subpart?

The penalties for individuals and organizations are as follows:

(a) *Individuals.* If you knowingly and willfully violate the requirements of this subpart, you may be subject to arrest and trial under section 303(a) of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and/or section 4 of the Unlawful Occupancy and Inclosures of Public Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1064). If you are convicted, you will be subject to a fine of not more than \$100,000 or the alternative fine provided for in the applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571, or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, or both, for each offense.

(b) *Organizations.* If an organization or corporation knowingly or willfully violates the requirements of this subpart, it is subject to trial and, if convicted, will be subject to a fine of not more than \$200,000, or the alternative fine provided for in the applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571.

§ 3715.8-1 What happens if I make false statements to BLM?

You are subject to arrest and trial before a United States District Court if, in any matter under this subpart, you knowingly and willfully falsify, conceal or cover up by any trick, scheme or device a material fact, or make any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or make or use any false writings or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry. If you are convicted, you will be fined not more than \$250,000 or the alternative fine provided for in the appli-

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cable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571, or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

§ 3715.9 What appeal rights do I have?

If you are adversely affected by a BLM decision, order or determination made under this subpart, you may appeal the decision, order or determination to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) under the provisions of 43 CFR part 4.

§ 3715.9-1 Does an appeal to IBLA suspend a BLM decision?

(a) An appeal to IBLA does not suspend an order requiring an immediate, temporary suspension of occupancy issued under § 3715.7-1(a) before the appeal or while it is pending. In this case, the provisions of 43 CFR 4.21(a) do not apply.

(b) The provisions of 43 CFR 4.21(a) apply to all other BLM decisions, orders or determinations under this subpart.

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AUTHORITY: 30 U.S.C. 22 *et seq.*; 30 U.S.C. 28f-k; 30 U.S.C. 621-625; 43 U.S.C. 1201; 43 U.S.C. 1740; 43 U.S.C. 1744.

Subpart 3730—Public Law 359; Mining in Powersite Withdrawals: General

§ 3730.0-1 Purpose; lands open.

(a) The purpose of the Mining Claims Rights Restoration Act of August 11, 1955 (Act), is to permit the mining, development, and utilization of the mineral resources of all public lands withdrawn or reserved for power development and other purposes, except for lands that:

(1) Are included in any project operating or being constructed under a license or permit issued under the Federal Power Act or other Act of Congress, or

(2) Are under examination and survey by a prospective licensee of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under an uncanceled preliminary permit that has not been renewed more than once.

(b) Locations made under the Act on lands withdrawn or reserved for power development within the reconstituted Oregon and California Railroad and Reconstituted Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands are also subject to the provisions

of the Act of April 8, 1948 (62 Stat. 162). See subpart 3821 of this title.

[59 FR 44856, Aug. 30, 1994]

§ 3730.0-3 Authority.

The authorities for the regulations in this part are the Act of August 11, 1955 (30 U.S.C. 621-625); § 314 of the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1744); 30 U.S.C. 28f-k, 107 Stat. 405.

[59 FR 44856, Aug. 30, 1994]

§ 3730.0-9 Information collection.

(a) The collections of information contained in subpart 3730 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* and assigned clearance number 1004-0110 and subsequently consolidated with 1004-0114. The information will enable the authorized officer to determine whether a mining claimant is qualified to hold a mining claim or site for the exploration, development, and utilization of minerals on all public lands that are withdrawn for power development. A response is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the Act of August 11, 1955 (30 U.S.C. 621-625), Section 314 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1744), and 30 U.S.C. 28f-28k, as amended by the Act of November 5, 2001 (115 Stat. 414).

(b) Public reporting burden for this information is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing records, gathering and maintaining the data collected, and completing and reviewing the information collected. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden; to the Information Collection Clearance Officer (783), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St., NW, Washington, DC 20240; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, 1004-0114, Washington, DC 20503.

[58 FR 38196, July 15, 1993, as amended at 59 FR 44856, Aug. 30, 1994; 64 FR 47021, Aug. 27, 1999; 67 FR 38205, June 3, 2002]

Subpart 3731—Power Rights

§ 3731.1 Power rights retained in the United States.

(a) The Act in the first proviso provides as follows:

That all power rights to such lands shall be retained by the United States.

(1) Under this proviso every patent issued for such a location must contain a reservation unto the United States, its permittees or licensees of the right to enter upon, occupy and use, any part of the lands for power purposes without any claim or right to compensation accruing to the locator or successor in interest from the occupation or use of any of the lands within the location, for such purposes. Furthermore, the patent will contain a provision that the United States, its permittees and licensees shall not be responsible or held liable or incur any liability for the damage, destruction, or loss of any mining claim, mill site, facility installed or erected, income, or other property or investments resulting from the actual use of such lands or portions thereof for power development at any time where such power development is made by or under the authority of the United States, except where such damage, destruction, or loss results from the negligence of the United States, its permittees and licensees.

[35 FR 9736, June 13, 1970]

Subpart 3732—Withdrawals Other Than for Powersite Purposes

§ 3732.1 Act ineffective as to other withdrawals.

(a) The Act in section 2(c) provides as follows:

Nothing in this act shall affect the validity of withdrawals or reservations for purposes other than power development.

(b) If the power site lands are also affected by any other type of withdrawal which prevents mining location in whole or in part, the provisions of the Act apply only to the extent that the lands are otherwise open to location.

[35 FR 9737, June 13, 1970]

Subpart 3733—Risk of Operation

§ 3733.1 Financial risk of operation.

The Act in section 3 provides in part as follows:

Prospecting and exploration for and the development and utilization of mineral resources authorized in this act shall be entered into or continued at the financial risk of the individual party or parties undertaking such work.

[35 FR 9737, June 13, 1970]

§ 3733.2 Liability of United States.

The Act in section 3 provides in part as follows:

Provided, That the United States, its permittees and licensees shall not be responsible or held liable or incur any liability for the damage, destruction, or loss of any mining claim, mill site, facility installed or erected, income, or other property or investments resulting from the actual use of such lands or portions thereof for power development at any time where such power development is made by or under the authority of the United States, except where such damage, destruction, or loss results from the negligence of the United States, its permittees and licensees.

[35 FR 9737, June 13, 1970]

Subpart 3734—Location and Assessment Work

§ 3734.1 Owner of claim to file notice of location and assessment work.

(a) The owner of any unpatented mining claim, mill site, or tunnel site located on land described in § 3730.0–1 (a) and (b), shall file all notices or certificates of location, amended notices or certificates, and transfers of interest, with the proper State Office of the Bureau of Land Management pursuant to part 3833 of this chapter, and pay the applicable maintenance, location, and service fees required by part 3830 of this title. The notice, certificate, transfer, or amendment thereto shall be marked by the owner to indicate that it is being filed pursuant to the Act of August 11, 1955, the Act of April 8, 1948, or both, as required by part 3833. Failure to so mark the location certificate will delay the procedures to authorize mining under subpart 3736.

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(b) Neither section 4 nor any other provision of the Act validates any mining location made prior to the act, which is invalid because made on lands after they were withdrawn or reserved for power purposes and before a favorable determination by the Federal Power Commission under section 24 of the Federal Power Act of June 10, 1920 (41 Stat. 1063; 1075), as amended (16 U.S.C. 792; 818) and the opening or restoration of the lands to location. Section 4 applies to unpatented locations for lands referred to in § 3730.0-3(a) only if:

(1) The location was made on or after August 11, 1955, or

(2) The location was made prior to August 11, 1955, and prior to the withdrawal or reservation of the lands for power purposes, or

(3) The location was made prior to August 11, 1955, on lands restored to location from a powersite reserve or withdrawal subject to section 24 of the Federal Power Act.

(c) The owner of any unpatented mining claim, mill site, or tunnel site located on land described in § 3730.0-1 of this chapter may either:

(1) Perform and record annual assessment work if the owner qualifies as a small miner under part 3835 of this chapter; or

(2) Pay an annual maintenance fee of \$100 per unpatented mining claim, mill site, or tunnel site in lieu of the annual assessment work or notice of intention to hold, under subpart 3834 of this chapter.

[35 FR 9737, June 13, 1970, as amended at 58 FR 38196, July 15, 1993; 59 FR 44856, Aug. 30, 1994; 68 FR 61064, Oct. 24, 2003]

Subpart 3735—Prior Existing Mining Locations

§ 3735.1 No limitation or restriction of rights under valid claims located prior to withdrawal.

(a) The Act in section 5 provides:

Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to limit or restrict the rights of the owner or owners of any valid mining claim located prior to the date of withdrawal or reservation: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to limit or restrict the rights of the owner or owners of any mining claim who are diligently working to make a

discovery of valuable minerals at the time any future withdrawal or reservation for power development is made.

(b) Although the Act does not limit or restrict the rights of owners of locations to which section 5 refers, such owners shall comply with section 4 by making the filings required either by paragraph (c) or (d) of § 3734.1 whichever is applicable.

[35 FR 9737, June 13, 1970]

§ 3735.2 No limitation of rights where claimant in diligent prosecution of work when future withdrawals made.

(a) Under section 5 of the Act the rights to a location made prior to any future withdrawal or reservation for power development or one on which the locator was diligently working to make a discovery of valuable minerals are not limited or restricted.

[35 FR 9737, June 13, 1970]

Subpart 3736—Mining Operations

§ 3736.1 Placer locator to conduct no mining operations for 60 days.

(a) The Act in section 2(b) provides in part as follows:

The locator of a placer claim under this Act, however, shall conduct no mining operations for a period of sixty days after the filing of a notice of location pursuant to section 4 of this Act. If the Secretary of the Interior, within sixty days from the filing of the notice of location, notifies the locator by registered mail of the Secretary's intention to hold a public hearing to determine whether placer mining operations would substantially interfere with other uses of the land included within the placer claim, mining operations on that claim shall be further suspended until the Secretary has held the hearing and has issued an appropriate order. The order issued by the Secretary of the Interior shall provide for one of the following: (1) a complete prohibition of placer mining; (2) a permission to engage in placer mining upon the condition that the locator shall, following placer operations, restore the surface of the claim to the condition in which it was immediately prior to those operations; or (3) a general permission to engage in placer mining. No order by the Secretary with respect to such operations shall be valid unless a certified copy is filed in the same State or county office in which the locator's notice of location has been filed, in compliance with the United States mining laws.

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(b) Upon receipt of a notice of location of a placer claim filed in accordance with § 3734.1 for land subject to location under the act, a determination will be made by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management as to whether placer mining operations on the land may substantially interfere with other uses thereof. If it is determined that placer operations may substantially interfere with other uses, a notice of intention to hold a hearing will be sent to each of the locators by registered or certified mail within 60 days from date of filing of the location notice.

[35 FR 9737, June 13, 1970]

§ 3736.2 Hearing; notice of protest.

(a) If a hearing is to be held, notice of the hearing will be delivered personally or by registered mail or certified mail to the locator of the placer claim. The notice will indicate the time and place of hearing. The procedures with respect to service of notice of hearing and conduct thereof shall follow the provisions of appeals and contests of the Department of the Interior (part 1850 of this title) in effect at the time the hearing is held. No publication of the notice will be required but a copy thereof shall be posted in the proper office of the Bureau of Land Management for a period of not less than 30 days prior to the date set for the hearing. The manager shall give such publicity to the hearing as may be done without expense to the Government.

(b) Any party, other than a Federal agency, desiring to appear and testify at a hearing in protest to placer mining operations must file a written notice of protest in the proper office wherein the notice of hearing is posted. Such notice, accompanied by the filing fee for notice of protest of placer mining operations found in the fee schedule in § 3000.12 of this chapter, must contain the party's name and address and a statement showing the nature of the party's interest in the use of the lands embraced within the mining claim. Each notice of protest must be filed within the period of time specified in the notice of hearing. The authorized officer shall forward a copy of each such notice that is filed to the mining locator prior to the hearing.

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(c) Following the hearing, the administrative law judge will render a decision, subject to the right of appeal by any person admitted as a party to the hearing in accordance with the provisions of appeals and contests of the Department of the Interior (part 1850 of this title). Each decision by an administrative law judge, or upon appeal, shall provide for the issuance of an appropriate order as provided in section 2(b) of the Act; but no such order shall issue until the decision, upon which it is based, becomes final. A certified copy of any order issued shall be filed in the same State or county office in which the location notice has been filed. Any such order permitting mining operations shall be filed at the expense of the mining locator.

[35 FR 9737, June 13, 1970, as amended at 72 FR 50889, Sept. 5, 2007]

Subpart 3737—Use

§ 3737.1 Mining claim and millsite use.

(a) The Act in section 6 provides as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, all mining claims and mill sites or mineral rights located under the terms of this act or otherwise contained on the public lands as described in section 2 shall be used only for the purposes specified in section 2 and no facility or activity shall be erected or conducted thereon for other purposes.

(b) Under this section, a mining claim or millsite may not be used for purposes other than for legitimate mining and milling. The claimant, therefore, may not erect on the mining claim any facility or activity such as filling stations, curio shops, cafes, tourist or hunting and fishing lodges, or conduct such businesses thereon.

[35 FR 9738, June 13, 1970]

Subpart 3738—Surface Protection Requirements

§ 3738.1 Bond or deposit required.

Should a limited order be issued under section 2(b)(2) of the Act, the locator is required to furnish a bond in a sum determined by the Administrative law judge. The bond must be either a corporate surety bond or a personal

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bond accompanied by cash or negotiable Federal securities equal at their par value to the amount of the penal sum of the bond, together with power-of-attorney to the Secretary of the Interior or his delegate.

[35 FR 9738, June 13, 1970]

§ 3738.2 Restoration of surface condition.

If the locator fails or refuses to restore the surface, appropriate action will be taken against him and his surety, including the appropriation of any money deposited on personal bonds, to be used for the purpose of restoring the surface of the claim involved. Any moneys on deposit or received from surety in excess of the amount needed for the restoration of the surface of the particular claim shall be refunded.

[35 FR 9738, June 13, 1970]

PART 3740—PUBLIC LAW 585; MULTIPLE MINERAL DEVELOPMENT

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§ 3740.0-1 Purpose.

The Act of August 13, 1954 (68 Stat. 708, 30 U.S.C. 521 subpart), was enacted "To amend the mineral leasing laws and the mining laws to provide for multiple mineral development of the same tracts of public lands, and for other purposes." The regulations in this part are intended to implement only those sections of said act, hereinafter more fully identified, which require action by the Department of the Interior or its agencies. The expression "Act" when used in this part, means the Act of August 13, 1954 (68 Stat. 708). The expression "Leasing Act", when used in this part, refers to the "mineral leasing laws" as defined in section 11 of the Act of August 13, 1954 (68 Stat. 708).

[35 FR 9738, June 13, 1970]

Subpart 3741—Claims, Locations and Patents

SOURCE: 35 FR 9738, June 13, 1970, unless otherwise noted.

§ 3741.1 Validation of certain mining claims.

The Act in section 1(a) provides as follows:

That (a) subject to the conditions and provisions of this Act and to any valid intervening rights acquired under the laws of the United States, any mining claim located under the mining laws of the United States