

deemed to have taken place on its effective date under State law.

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§ 3833.4 Failure to file, or to pay maintenance of location fees.

(a)(1) The failure to make annual filings required by §§ 3833.2-1 and 3833.2-2 on or before the December 30 immediately following the August 31 by which the small miner filed for a waiver of payment of the maintenance fee, shall conclusively constitute a forfeiture of the mining claim or site.

(2) Failure to record the notice or certificate of location required by § 3833.1-2(a), § 3734.1(a), or § 3821.2 of this title, or failure to pay the maintenance or location fees required by §§ 3833.1-4, 3833.1-5, and 3833.1-7, or failure to file the documents required by § 3833.1-7 (b) through (d) within the time periods prescribed therein for claimants who also fail to pay the maintenance fee, shall be deemed conclusively to constitute a forfeiture of the mining claim, mill site, or tunnel site.

(3) Claimants who fail to pay the maintenance fee, but file a waiver certification under § 3833.1-7, shall perform the assessment work required by subpart 3851 of this title by the waiver statement filing deadline, or the mining claims under the invalid waiver certification will be conclusively deemed forfeited for failure to pay the maintenance fee on time.

(4) Failure to list the 10 or fewer mining claims and/or sites for which the fee is requested to be waived on the applicable certification document filed pursuant to 3833.1-6 or 3833.1-7 will result in the affected mining claims and/or sites being deemed abandoned by the owner or owners thereof.

(b) Failure to file the complete information required in §§ 3833.1-2(b), 3833.1-7(d)-(f), 3833.2-4(a), 3833.2-4(b), 3833.2-5(b) and 3833.2-5(c), when the document is otherwise filed on time, shall not be conclusively deemed to constitute an abandonment or forfeiture of the claim or site, but such information shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of a notice from the authorized officer calling for such information. Failure to submit the information requested by

the decision of the authorized officer shall result in the mining claim, mill site, or tunnel site being deemed abandoned by the owner.

(c) Failure to record a transfer of interest under § 3833.3 will result in the Bureau of Land Management refusing to recognize the interest acquired by the transferee or to serve notice of any action, decision, or contest on the unrecorded owner.

(d) The fact that an instrument is filed in accordance with other laws permitting filing for record thereof and is defective or not timely filed for record under those laws shall not be considered failure to file under this subpart. The fact that an instrument is filed for record under this subpart by or on behalf of some, but not all of the owners of the mining claim, mill or tunnel site shall not affect the validity of this filing.

(e) Any mining claim deemed abandoned under section 314(c) of the Act for failure to file an instrument in the local jurisdiction of the State where the claim is located pursuant to section 314 (a)(1) and (b) of the Act, shall not be validated by filing the instrument with the BLM in accordance with § 3833.1, 3833.2-1, and 3833.2-2 of this title, and such instrument is ineffective even though the claim may currently be shown to exist in the BLM records.

(f) Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 188(f)) provides that where an unpatented oil placer mining claim validly located prior to February 24, 1920, which has been or is currently producing or is capable of producing oil or gas, has been or is hereafter deemed conclusively abandoned for failure to file timely the required instruments or copies of instruments required by section 314 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1744), and it is shown to the satisfaction of the authorized officer that such failure was inadvertent, justifiable, or not due to lack of reasonable diligence on the part of the owner, the authorized officer may issue, for the lands covered by the abandoned unpatented oil placer mining claim, a noncompetitive oil and gas lease consistent with the provisions of section 17(e) of the

Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226(e)) to be effective from the statutory date the claim was conclusively abandoned. The conditions and requirements for issuance of such leases are contained in §3108.2-4 of this title.

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§3833.5 Effect of recording and filing.

(a) Recordation or application involving an unpatented mining claim, mill site, or tunnel site by itself shall not render valid any claim which would not be otherwise valid under applicable law and does not give the owner any rights he is not otherwise entitled to by law.

(b) Compliance with the requirements of this subpart shall be in addition to and not a substitute for compliance with the other requirements of Groups 3700 and 3800 of this title, and with laws and regulations issued by any State or other authority relating to locating, recording, and maintenance of mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites located, held, and maintained upon the public lands of the United States.

(c) Filing of instruments pertaining to mining claims under other Federal law with the BLM or other Federal agency shall not excuse the filings required by this subpart and filings under this subpart shall not excuse the filing of instruments pertaining to mining claims under any other Federal law, except that filing a notice or certificate of location or an affidavit of annual assessment work under this subpart which is marked by the owner as also being filed under the Act of April 8, 1948 (62 Stat. 162) or the Act of August 11, 1955 (30 U.S.C. 621-625), will satisfy the recording requirement for O & C lands under 43 CFR subpart 3821 and Pub. L. 359 lands under 43 CFR part 3730, or as provided in §3833.2 of this title.

(d) In the case of any action or contest initiated by the United States affecting an unpatented mining claim, mill, or tunnel site, only those owners who have recorded their claim or site pursuant to §3833.1-2 and filed a notice

of transfer of interest pursuant to §3833.3 shall be considered by the United States as parties whose rights are affected by such action or contest and shall be personally notified and served by certified mail sent to their last address of record. As provided in subpart 1810 of this title, all owners of record with the Bureau of Land Management shall be personally notified and served by certified mail, return receipt requested, sent to their last address of record. Such owners shall be deemed to have been served if the certified mail was delivered to that address of record, regardless of whether the certified mail was in fact received by them. The provisions of this subpart shall not be applicable to procedures for public notice required under part 3860 of this title with respect to mineral patent applications.

(e) Actual notice of an unpatented mining claim or mill or tunnel site by any employee or officer of the United States shall not exempt the claim or site from the requirements of this subpart.

(f) Failure of the government to notify an owner upon his filing or recording of a claim or site under this subpart that such claim or site is located on lands not subject to location or otherwise void for failure to comply with Federal or State law or regulations shall not prevent the government from later challenging the validity of or declaring void such claim or site in accordance with due process of law.

(g) Any person who files an instrument required by these regulations 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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