

TABLE 3-19. Recordation of mining claims, Public Law 94-579, from October 21, 1976, through fiscal year 1996

	Total as of beginning of fiscal year	Received during fiscal year	Total at end of fiscal year	Active claims at beginning of year/g/	Claims /a/ closed, forfeited, or voided	Claims held under FHFC /h/	Active claims at end of fiscal year
Administrative State							
Alaska	111,047	952	111,999	9,706	1,494	131	9,832
Arizona	335,078	6,004	341,082	30,419	3,663	435	34,423
California	265,887	3,581	269,468	31,163	3,928	778	32,882
Colorado	247,117	1,068	248,185	9,680	322	70	8,371
Eastern States /b/	10,984	2	10,986	180	181	0	28
Idaho	172,251	2,186	174,437	20,085	1,776	979	16,136
Montana /c/	199,101	1,717	200,818	23,539	3,676	154	20,564
Nevada	697,879	27,466	725,345	132,806	4,936	2,117	135,967
New Mexico /d/	162,694	2,063	164,757	8,840	1,101	67	8,676
Oregon /e/	139,423	1,701	143,003	14,282	10,256	36	11,523
Utah	345,925	3,104	349,029	14,995	2,144	398	14,167
Wyoming /f/	249,709	1,326	251,035	14,867	674	185	13,951
Total	2,937,094	51,170	2,988,264	301,029	33,500	5,350	306,520

TABLE 3-19. Recordation of mining claims, Public Law 94-579, from October 21, 1976, through fiscal year 1996--concluded

/a/ Claims declared forfeit or abandoned and void under Public Laws 94-579, 102-381, and 103-66. On October 5, 1992, PL 102-381 imposed an annual rental fee of \$100 per claim or site in lieu of performance of assessment work. Certain "small miners" and mineral patent applicants were exempted and the fees waived. The \$100 fee was continued through fiscal year 1998 by PL 103-66. Failure to pay, qualify as a "small miner," or qualify for a waiver results in statutory abandonment and forfeiture of the affected claim or site (43 CFR 3833.1-6). Claims forfeited in one year may be closed out in the following year.

/b/ Includes all States bordering on, or east of, the Mississippi River.

/c/ Includes North and South Dakota.

/d/ Includes Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas.

/e/ Includes Washington.

/f/ Includes Nebraska.

/g/ Active means that the subject claim or site is in good standing under the recording, maintenance, and assessment work statutes. It does not refer to any potential activity upon the land contained within the claim or site.

/h/ Claims held under First Half of the Mineral Entry Final Certificate (FHFC) for a mineral patent application are exempt from the requirements to perform assessment work or to pay the annual \$100 fee. See 43 CFR 3851.5.

Sources: BLM's automated mining claim recordation systems for the lower 48 and Alaska; BLM State Office records and working files.