

TABLE 3-19.

**Recordation of mining claims, Public Law 94-579, from October 21, 1976,  
through fiscal year 1997**

Administrative state	Total claims @ beginning	Claims received during yr.	Total at year end	Active claims @ beginning /g/	Claims closed /a/	Claims held under FHFC /h/	Active claims @ year end
Alaska	111999	1440	113439	9832	851	118	12215
Arizona	341082	6622	347704	34423	363	430	33328
California	269468	2344	271812	32882	1814	763	29789
Colorado	248185	888	249073	8371	215	70	8514
Eastern States /b/	10986	1	10987	28	0	0	31
Idaho	174437	1828	176265	16136	374	979	20184
Montana /c/	200818	1164	201982	20564	2012	147	23910
Nevada	725345	30170	755515	135967	2638	1910	148390
New Mexico /d/	164757	1361	166118	8676	1286	67	5919
Oregon /e/	143003	1164	144167	11523	581	59	11545
Utah	349029	2601	351630	14167	266	398	16237
Wyoming /f/	251035	2270	253305	13951	396	178	15390
Total	2988264	51853	3040117	306520	10408	5119	324651

/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 states and Alaska; BLM State Office records and working files.