

**2021 RECLAMATION PLAN FORM (HARDROCK EXPLORATION)**

<p><b>A. RECLAMATION PLAN</b></p> <p>(REQUIRED if the operation will disturb five or more acres this year, OR 50,000 cubic yards, OR if the operation has a cumulative disturbed area of five or more acres).</p>	<p><b>B. RECLAMATION PLAN VOLUNTARY</b></p> <p>(for an operation below limits shown in Box A but wanting to qualify for the statewide bonding pool. (Operations on BLM Lands and others not filing Letter of Intent).</p>	<p><b>C. LETTER OF INTENT</b> <span style="float:right"><b>(33)</b></span></p> <p>(less than five acres to be disturbed AND less than 50,000 cubic yards AND less than five acres unreclaimed area).</p>
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In accordance with Alaska Statute 27.19, reclamation is required of all mining operations. Reclamation bonding is required of operations with disturbance of 5 acres or greater. Completion of this application will meet the requirements for a "Reclamation Plan" for operations 5 acres and larger in size and for a "Letter of Intent To Do Reclamation" for operations under 5 acres. If you do not intend to use the reclamation methods presented below, you must provide additional information concerning your plans for reclamation under separate attachments.

Total acreage currently disturbed: \_\_\_\_\_ acres. This should match: "Total Unreclaimed Acres" on your 2020 Annual Reclamation Statement for Small Mines, or line #7 on your 2021 Bond Pool Renewal Form. Disturbed ground includes all unreclaimed mining and exploration activity (excluding camps and roads) since October 1991. Federal operators must include areas of camps and roads.

New acres to be disturbed in 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ acres. Total acreage (currently disturbed plus new acres): \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

Acreage disturbed by land status: \_\_\_\_\_ State (general) \_\_\_\_\_ State (Mental Health) \_\_\_\_\_ Private \_\_\_\_\_ Federal

Total acreage to be reclaimed in 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ acres; Total volume of material to be disturbed in 2021: \_\_\_\_\_ cubic yards.

Include strippings and overburden to be removed. Cubic yards = Length (yards) x Width (yards) x Depth (yards).

Reclamation will be conducted concurrently with activity. Reclamation will be conducted at the end of the season.

**THE FOLLOWING RECLAMATION MEASURES SHALL BE USED:**

(These measures are required by law. Those that do not apply may be crossed out; but, an explanation must be given.)

- Topsoil, vegetation, and overburden muck, not promptly redistributed to an area being reclaimed, will be individually separated and stockpiled for future use. This material will be protected from erosion and from contamination by acidic or toxic materials and will not be buried by tailings.
- The area reclaimed will be reshaped to blend with the surrounding area using tailings, strippings, and overburden and be stabilized.
- Stockpiled topsoil, overburden muck, will be spread over the contoured exploration sites to promote natural plant growth such that
- Exploration trenches will be backfilled. Brush piles, stumps, topsoil, and other organics will be spread on the backfilled surface to inhibit erosion and promote natural revegetation. All exploration trenches will be reclaimed by the end of the exploration season in which they are constructed, unless specifically approved by the DMLW (Mining operations are required by law to be reclaimed as contemporaneously as practicable with the mining operation to leave the site in stable condition).
- Shallow auger holes (limited to depth of overburden) will be backfilled with drill cuttings or other locally available material in such a manner that closes the hole to minimize the risk to humans, livestock and wildlife.
- All drill hole casings will be removed or cut off at, or below, ground level. All drill holes will be plugged by the end of the exploration season with bentonite holeplug or equivalent slurry, for a minimum of 10 feet within the top 20 feet of the drill hole. The remainder of the hole will be backfilled to the surface with drill cuttings. If water is encountered in any drill hole, a minimum of 7 feet of bentonite holeplug or equivalent slurry will be placed immediately above the static water level in the drill hole. (NOTE: The operator understands that complete filling of the drill holes, from bottom to top, with bentonite holeplug or equivalent slurry is also permitted and is considered to be the preferred method of hole closure, unless communicated otherwise by DMLW.)
- If artesian conditions are encountered, the operator will take all measures practicable to prevent the offsite discharge of those waters subject to 11 AAC 97.240 and will contact the DMLW for approval of hole plugging measures.
- At closure, all shafts, adits, tunnels, and air vents to underground workings will be stabilized and properly sealed to ensure protection of the public, wildlife and the environment.
- On state lands, all buildings and structures constructed, used, or improved will be removed, dismantled, or otherwise properly disposed of unless the surface owner or manager authorizes that the buildings and structures may stay.
- On state lands, all scrap iron, equipment, tools, piping, hardware, chemicals, fuels, waste, and general construction debris will be removed or properly disposed of.
- Reclamation measures taken will be consistent with any alternative post mining land use approved by the Commissioner, subject to the provisions of 11 AAC 97.300(h) and the conditions (if any) of an approved reclamation plan.

**IMPORTANT:** 1. Alternative reclamation measures may be approved if the reclamation measures presented above are not applicable to your site. Please explain in separate correspondence. Submit a sketch and describe additional reclamation measures you propose to conduct at your operation. Reclamation measures must comply with AS 27.19.

**BONDING:** In accordance with AS 27.19, bonding is required for all operations having a mined area of  $\geq$  five acres on State Land. This area must be bonded for \$750.00 per acre, unless the miner can demonstrate that a third party contractor can do the needed reclamation for less. The Statewide Bonding Pool may be joined by completing a bond pool application form and meeting certain requirements. No reclamation plan approval goes into effect until the bonding pool deposit and annual nonrefundable fees are paid. Use bond form to calculate area of disturbance for bonding.

BLM requires that a reclamation plan be consistent with §43 CFR 3809.420, Performance Standards for the Surface Management regulations for Federal Operations. **Refer to 43 CFR 3809 or the BLM minerals website available at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/mining-and-minerals> for more information on what is needed for a reclamation plan on Federal lands, as they may be different than those identified above.**

<p>_____</p> <p>Printed name (Applicant)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature (Applicant)</p>	<p>Relationship to Mineral Property:</p> <p>Owner    Lessee    Operator</p> <p>Agent For: _____</p>	<p>Date: _____</p> <p>APMA #: _____</p>
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