

2023 RECLAMATION PLAN FORM (PLACER EXPLORATION OR MINING)

A. RECLAMATION PLAN	B. RECLAMATION PLAN VOLUNTARY	C. LETTER OF INTENT (34)
<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>(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>(less than five acres to be disturbed AND less than 50,000 cubic yards AND less than five acres unreclaimed area).</p>
<p>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.</p>		
<p>Total acreage currently disturbed: _____ acres. This should match: "Total Unreclaimed Acres" on your 2022 Annual Reclamation Statement for Small Mines, or line #7 on your 2023 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.</p> <p>New acres to be disturbed in 2023 _____ acres. Total acreage (currently disturbed plus new acres): _____ acres.</p> <p>Acreage disturbed by land status: _____ State (general) _____ State (Mental Health) _____ Private _____ Federal</p> <p>Total acreage to be reclaimed in 2023: _____ acres; Total volume of material to be disturbed in 2023: _____ cubic yards.</p> <p>Include strippings and overburden to be removed. Cubic yards = Length (yards) x Width (yards) x Depth (yards).</p> <p>Reclamation will be conducted concurrently with activity. Reclamation will be conducted at the end of the season.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">THE FOLLOWING RECLAMATION MEASURES SHALL BE USED:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(These measures are required by law. Those that do not apply may be crossed out; but, an explanation must be given as to why these measures are not necessary at your site.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 the area can reasonably be expected to revegetate within five years. Stockpiled vegetation will be spread over topsoils. Settling ponds located within the active flood plain and necessary for continued use during the next mining season will be protected from erosion or the fines removed. If the mining operation diverts a stream channel or modifies a flood plain to the extent that the stream channel is no longer stable, the stream channel will be reestablished in a stable location in the valley flood plain. The flood plain will be established as appropriate to accommodate seasonal high-water flood events and prevent undue erosional degradation. 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. 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. At placer drift mine closure, all mine 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 alternate 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. <p>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.</p>		
<p>BONDING: In accordance with AS 27.19, bonding is required for all operations having a mined area of greater than or equal to 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.</p>		
<p>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>_____ Printed name (Applicant)</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>