



Buyer Beware

Are you thinking about buying a State of Alaska mining claim? Make sure to thoroughly research the claim(s) prior to exchanging any form of payment.

Things to look out for:

- Is the claim active in DNR records? Has the location been initiated in the Land Administration System (LAS)? A newly filed location may not be valid, or an existing location may have been closed or abandoned.
 - <https://dnr.alaska.gov/projects/las/>
- Whose claims are you purchasing? Claims may have multiple co-owners listed. You may not end up being the only owner of record.
- Does the claim conflict with any other existing claims? An ownership dispute may be initiated at any time between claim owners and may result in invalidation and/or legal action.
- Does the seller have documentation of claim(s) being properly posted and/or maintained in accordance with Alaska State Law and Regulations? Can they provide you a copy of the location certificate(s) recorded in the proper recording district office, an ADL number, rental receipts, and statements of labor (if applicable)?
 - For more information, check out our “Investigating Claims Before You Buy” Fact Sheet:
<https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/cdn/pdf/factsheets/investigate-claims-before-purchase.pdf>
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