

SEPTEMBER 1 DEADLINE FOR FEDERAL CLAIM HOLDERS: ACCESS TO FILING

September 1 is the deadline to have your federal claim maintenance fees submitted. We **STRONGLY URGE** you to do so early this year! The pandemic has caused delays in U.S. Mail and limited staffing hours to the BLM Offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks. **Early submission can save you from losing your claims.** Don't delay!

See below for information provided by BLM on hours and access to the Anchorage and Fairbanks offices. Critical highlights include:

Make an appointment. The Anchorage office has limited access due to staffing. If you arrive without an appointment they will do your best to assist you, but may not be able to. Both locations strongly encourage appointments.

Wear a mask. It's required.

Do your filings electronically. For your convenience, attached to this email are the placer and lode fee payment forms. Email or fax these to your BLM office (contact information below) and then call to pay by phone.

If using U.S. Mail, mail ASAP. All forms and payments must be postmarked September 1 and must arrive at the BLM office within 10 days of the postmark.

Call BLM if you have ANY questions. The phone numbers below are staffed and voicemail is checked multiple times per day. We have been assured that callers get timely response.

In addition to the information provided by BLM, AMA offers the additional recommendations:

Keep copies of all documents and certify delivery. Ensure you have proof of sending, certify your documents if using U.S. Mail, and keep copies of all submissions, payments, and receipts.

Be advised that payments by phone may have a dollar limit. Call your BLM office to clarify.

Anchorage BLM Access:
Phone: 907-271-5960
Email: AK_AKSO_Public_Room@blm.gov
222 West 7th Ave. #13
Anchorage, AK 99513
Located on the 1st Floor

Fairbanks BLM Access:
Phone: 907-474-2200

Email: [BLM AK FDO generaldelivery@blm.gov](mailto:generaldelivery@blm.gov)
222 University Avenue
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Please share this email with your fellow miners and help us get the word out to ensure nobody suffers a loss of claims. Contact AMA if you need any assistance:

AMA Statewide Office: 907-563-9229
Email Deantha Skibinski, Executive Director: deantha@alaskaminers.org

BLM Alaska Public Rooms

Continuing our service to the public while doing our part to protect our community members and employees is a top priority for BLM Alaska. Following guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control](#) and recommendations from state and local public health authorities, some BLM Alaska offices are temporarily restricting in-person public access to Public Rooms.

Anchorage

The Anchorage Federal Building in which the BLM Public Room is located is open with limited access. As such, visitors will require a BLM escort to enter the building. Though not required, an appointment is highly recommended as we currently have only one person staffing the Public Room at a time. If that person is out or otherwise preoccupied, visitors will not be admitted to the building.

To make an appointment, or to conduct business over the phone, call 907.271.5960. If the phone is not answered, please leave a message with your name, number, and a detailed description as to what service is needed. Our representatives check the phone multiple times a day and respond to all messages. If the caller needs to be seen in person, a meeting can be scheduled with our representative.

In coordination with building security, we will be able to allow access to one person at a time, minimizing human contact. Before admitting anyone into the building, security will verify with the BLM representative that they are available to receive visitors.

Visitors are now required to wear a face mask before being admitted into the building. If a visitor arrives without a mask and needs to see a Public Room representative to make payments, purchase park passes, or conduct any other business, they can call the Public Room at 907.271.5960 and a mask will be provided. Anchorage Public Room hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Fairbanks

When visiting the Public Room at the BLM Fairbanks District Office, visitors are asked to wear a mask. Masks are provided for visitors who do not have their own. The Fairbanks Public Room phone number is 907.474.2200 and operating hours are 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our Anchorage Public Room representative at 907.271.5960 or our Fairbanks Public Room representative at 907.474.2200.

As a reminder, payments can be made over the phone at either location.