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2 Correspondence





Fwd: BB 8 (AMC427882) and BB 9 (AMC427883) placer claims, Yavapai County, AZ

1 message

Thrower, **Amy** <athrower@blm.gov>
To: Pauline Brown <paulinebrown@blm.gov>

Tue, Sep 27, 2016 at 12:46 PM

Hi Pauline.

this is the info that I received from Mr. Knight. He is going to restake BB9 and is amending BB8 to state that it is a bench placer. There are pictures and maps attached to put in the file.

Amy

----- Forwarded message -----

From: i>¿davidcknight@frontiernet.net <davidcknight@frontiernet.net>

Date: Tue, Sep 20, 2016 at 3:47 PM

Subject: BB 8 (AMC427882) and BB 9 (AMC427883) placer claims, Yavapai County, AZ

To: Amy Thrower <athrower@blm.gov>

Cc: David Knight davidcknight@frontiernet.net>

Good Afternoon Ms. Thrower:

Hope you have been well.

Thank you for sending the definitions of placer deposits.

In light of our conversations and your suggestiosn we will restake and file BB 9 to conform to aliquot subdivisions of the public lands survey.

We are going to amend BB 8 since it contains bench placers consisting of terraces and flood planes on valley walls and slopes above the current river bed (please see attached photos) and due to the presence of non mineral lands and other unpatented mining claims, The orientation of BB 8 makes it most compact and efficient way to cover the placer ground when considering non mineral lands, unpatented mining claims and bench gravels

This orientation of BB 8 makes it the most compact and efficient way to cover the placer ground, since there appears to be discrepancies with the location of Big Bug Gold # 5 (AMC417509), whose precise location is not known, and may not be valid considering the description of the location notice that the location notice and monument are placed placed on private non mineral ground and there were senior claims in the area prior to the location of Big Bug Gold #5 and Big Bug Gold #5 was not amended to cover the ground when the senior claim became invalid. We have conducted several surveys attempting to find the described 6 foot posts in the location notice and have not been able to find them. We understand that the BLM considers this a civil matter.

I tried to design an aliquot subdivision for BB 8, but could not orient one claim to cover the placer ground.

Attached are maps, documents and photos that document my reasons.

Thank you for you time, input and help. If you wish to contact me please us my Cell Number: 775-934-5453. I am in Arizona for the next 6 days.

Best Regards,
David C. Knight
Carlin Trend Mining Services
369 Fifth Street
Elko, Nevada 89801
(775) 778-0668 ext. 23
www.carlin-trend.com

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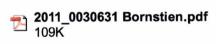
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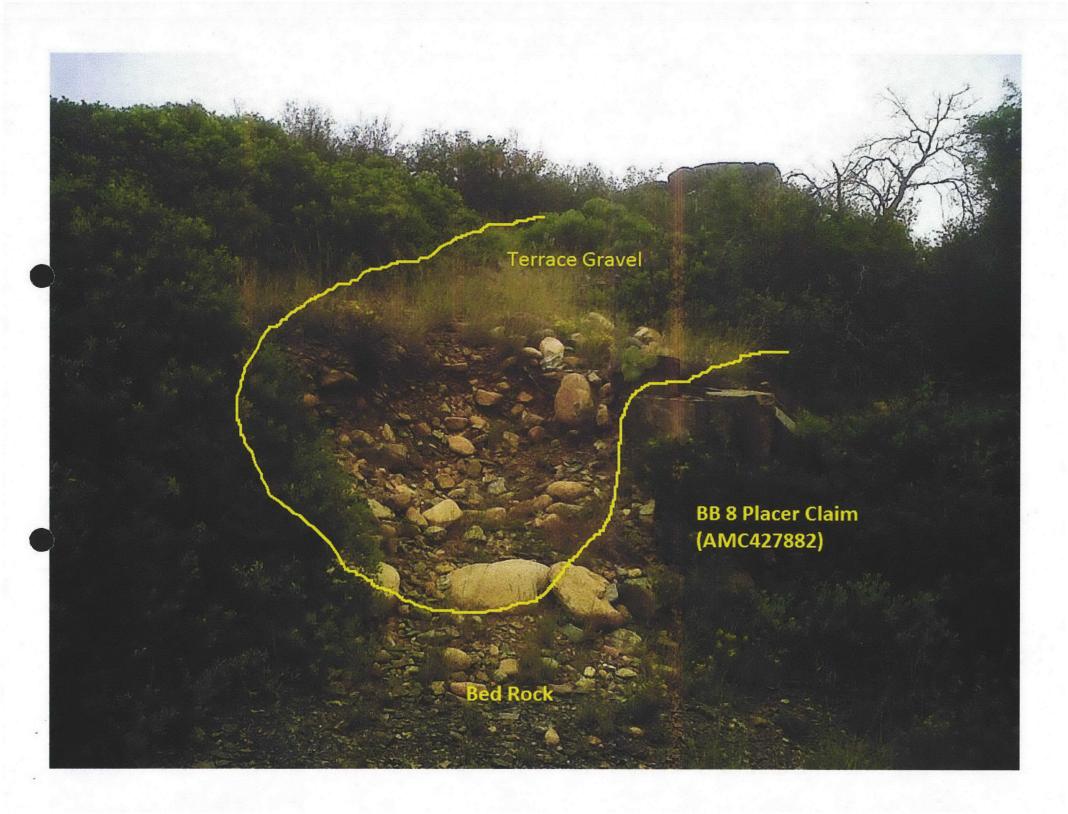


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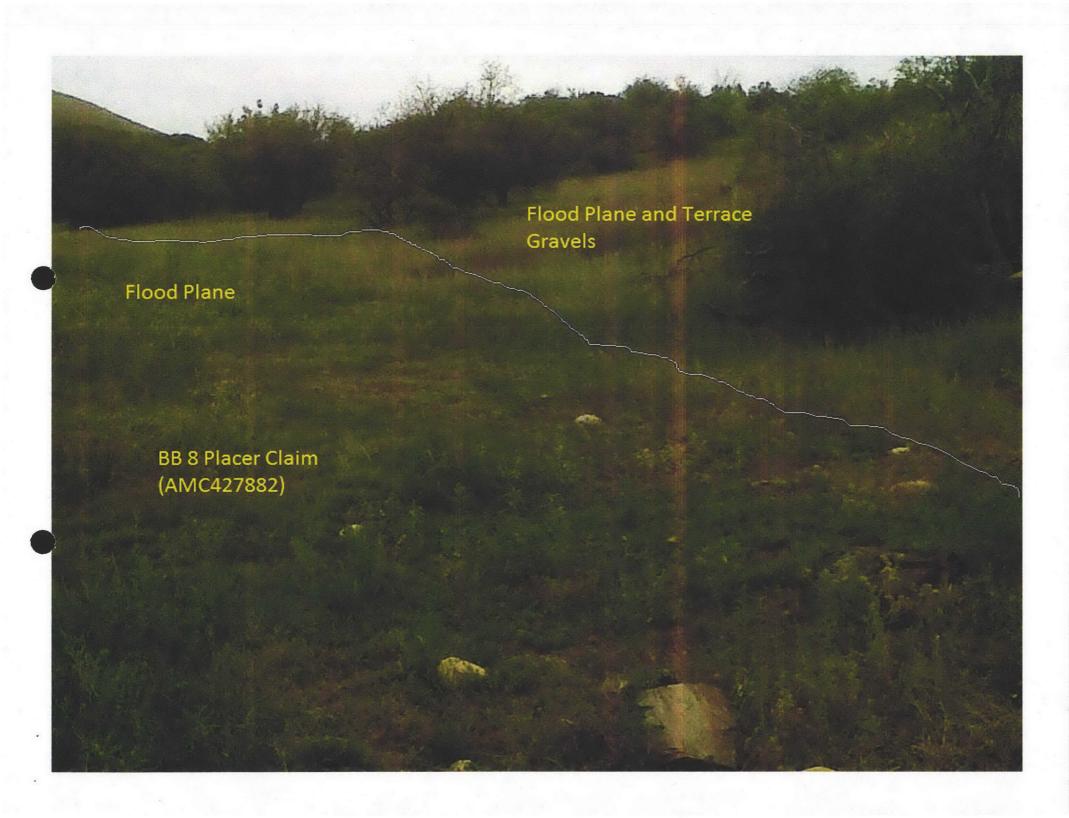


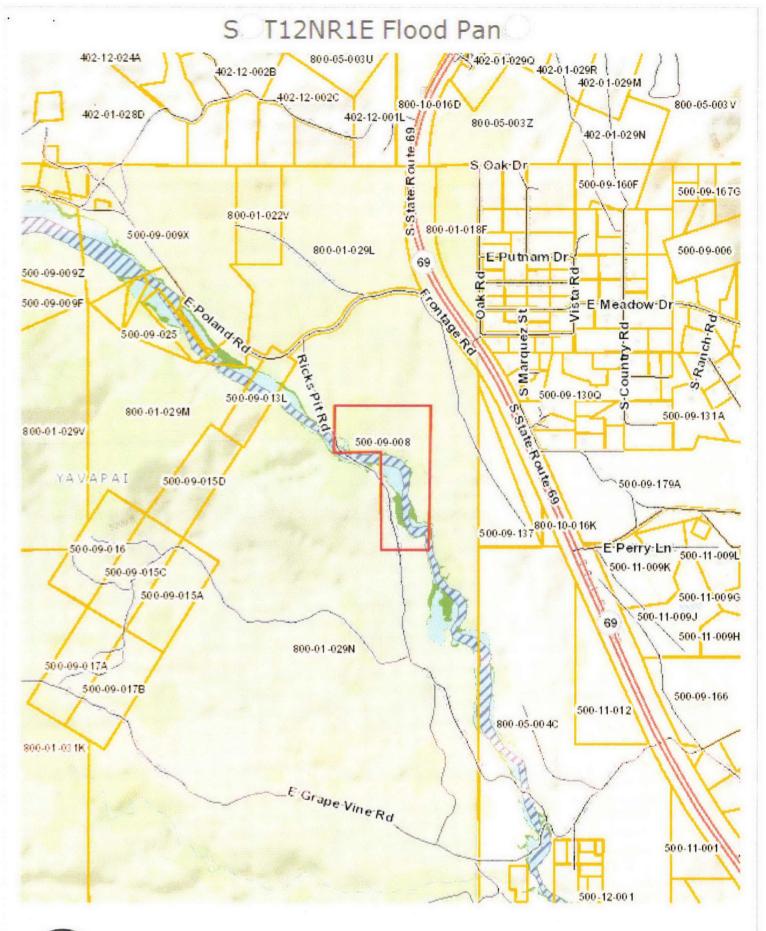
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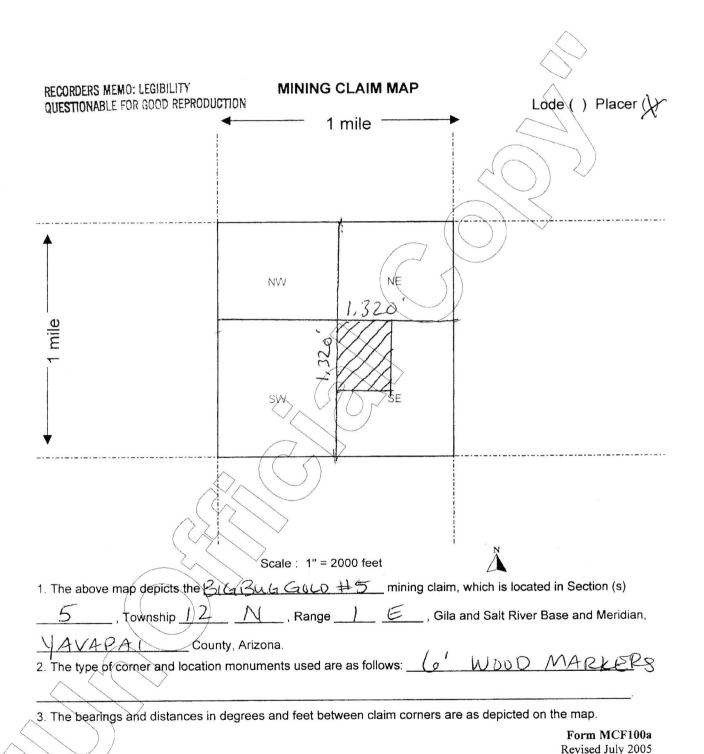
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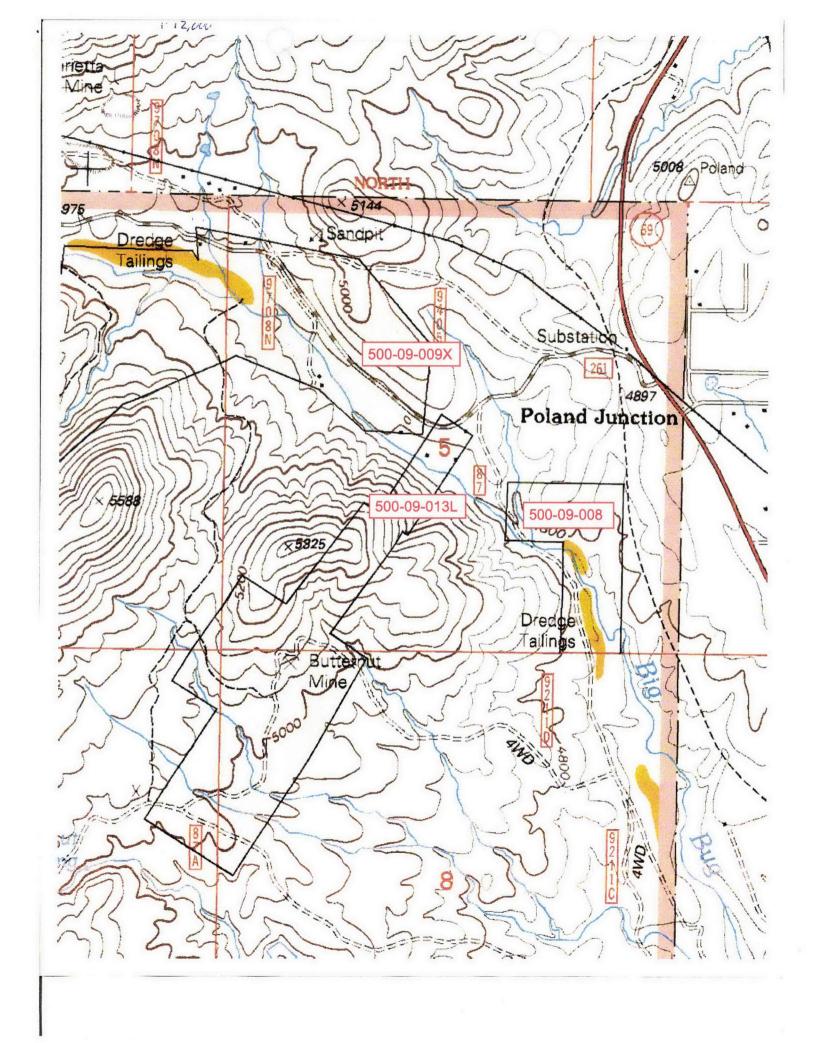
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JEFFREY BURNSTEIN 1533 N. 715+ST	
MESA, AZ 85207	
LOCATION NOTICE FOR PLACER MINING CLAIM	
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 1316 BUG GOLD	
placer mining claim has been located by	BLM Date
JEFFREY BORNSTEIN whose current mailing	Stamp
address is 1533 N. 71s+ ST	
MESA, A2 85207	7
The general course of this claim is MAYER	and it is situated in
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This claim is 1, 320' feet in length and 1, 320	feet in width. This claim runs from the
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12 M, Range J, Gila Salt River Base and Me	eridian, Arizona. This claim encompasses
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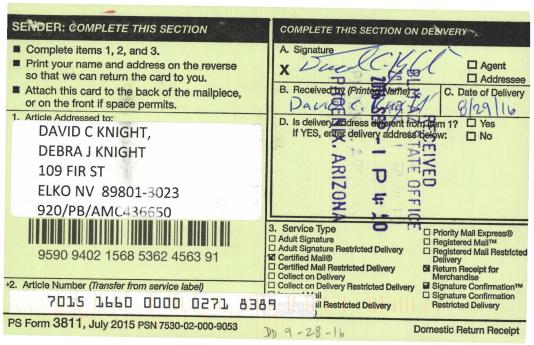
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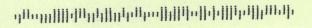


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NOTICE

DAVID C KNIGHT

DEBRA J KNIGHT

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This Notice Affects the Claims

Shown in the Block Below.

AMC436650, AMC436651 BB 8; BB 9

Mining Claim Location Notice(s) - Amendment(s) Required

Pursuant to Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3832.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona State Office, received your notices of location for recording mining claims. In accordance with 43 CFR 3832.12, the claims listed above cannot be accepted as filed and must be amended as noted below.

- 1) The location notices for the above listed placer mining claims state that they are gulch placer mining claims. These claims are identical to the claims previously filed under AMC427882 and AMC427883. The administrative record of the Interior Board of Land Appeals, see IBLA 2016-20 (copy enclosed), supported BLM's conclusion that the claims do not qualify as gulch placer claims. The BLM found that AMC427883 was on flat land, and AMC427882 did have a slope on one side but the other side did not have a slope, thus on March 2, 2016, IBLA 2016-20 concluded there is **no** gulch.
- 2) The claims must be amended to conform to the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions and you must provide adequate maps and describe the claims by aliquot parts and complete lots.

Keep in mind that when amending a mining claim, no new ground can be taken in. A placer mining claim must contain at least 10 acres. Therefore an amended claim would have to contain at least 10 acres and must be described by aliquot parts. If this cannot be achieved, the claim should be relinquished and a new claim located correctly, rather than amending an incorrectly located claim.

If you are able to correctly amend the claims listed above and decide to do so, there is a \$10 BLM processing fee for each amendment. The amendments must be received by BLM within 30 days of your receipt of this notice. If the amendments are not received within the 30 day timeframe the mining claims will be declared null and void.

If additional information is required, please contact Pauline Brown at 602-417-9360. Please include your AMC serial number(s) on all correspondence.

Rebecca Heick

Deputy State Director

Rebecca Zleick

Lands, Minerals and Energy Division

Enclosure



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Interior Board of Land Appeals 801 N. Quincy St., Suite 300 Arlington, VA 22203



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DAVID C. AND DEBRA J. KNIGHT LIVING TRUST

IBLA 2016-20

Decided March 2, 2016

Appeal from and petition to stay a decision of the Bureau of Land Management declaring placer mining claims forfeited because claims were not properly described in Notices of Location. AMC427882, AMC427883.

Affirmed.

1. Administrative Procedure: Generally -- Mining Claims: Location -- Mining Claims: Placer Claims

A party appealing a BLM decision declaring a placer mining claim forfeited bears the burden of showing BLM's decision is not supported by a rational basis or does not comply with the governing statute or regulations. Conclusory allegations of error, standing alone, do not discharge this burden.

2. Mining Claims: Location -- Mining Claims: Placer Claims

A claimant must describe a placer mining claim by aliquot part and complete lots using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions unless exceptions to that rule apply. Concerning the gulch placer exception, BLM regulations define a "gulch placer claim" as "a placer claim located on the bed of a river contained within steep, nonmineral canyon walls." 43 C.F.R. §§ 3830.5, 3832.12(c).

APPEARANCES: David C. Knight, Trustee, for the David C. and Debra J. Knight Living Trust, Elko, Nevada.

OPINION BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE JONES

The David C. and Debra J. Knight Living Trust (Appellant) appeals from an October 7, 2015, Decision of the Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management

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(BLM). In that Decision, BLM declared the following mining claims forfeited: BB 8 and BB 9 (BLM Serial Nos. AMC427882 and AMC427883). BLM declared the placer claims forfeited because they were not described according to the rule codified at 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12. Pursuant to that rule, placer mining claims must be described by aliquot part and complete lots using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions. However, the general rule has several exceptions, two of which are relevant to the matter before us: A placer mining claim may be described alternatively by metes and bounds if the claim (1) qualifies as a gulch placer claim, or (2) is bounded by other mining claims or nonmineral lands. See id. At issue is whether Appellant has shown it meets the requirements for describing its placer mining claims because it followed the general rule or because its claims fit within one of the exceptions to the rule, that is, the claims qualify as gulch placer claims or are bounded by other mining claims or nonmineral land.

Legal and Regulatory Background

The General Mining Law of 1872 provides that placer claims "shall conform as near as practicable with the United States system of public-land surveys, and the rectangular sub-divisions of such surveys" 30 U.S.C. § 35 (2012). A claimant must describe placer mining claims by aliquot part and complete lots using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions unless an exception applies. 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c). Exceptions relevant to the matter before us are placer claims that are (1) gulch placer claims, or (2) bounded by other claims or nonmineral lands. 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c)(1)(ii)-(iii); see, e.g., Melvin Helit, 157 IBLA 111, 119-22 (2002) (AJ Hemmer, concurring); United States v. Haskins, 59 IBLA 1, 95-98, 88 I.D. 925, 972-74 (1981), affd, Civ. No. 82-2112 (C.D. Cal. 1984); Snow Flake Fraction Placer, 37 L.D. 250, 257-58 (1908).

A "gulch placer claim" is "a placer claim located on the bed of a river contained within steep, nonmineral canyon walls. The form of the river valley and nonmineral character of the valley walls preclude the location of the claim by aliquot parts and a metes and bounds description is necessary." 43 C.F.R. § 3830.5 (definitions); see also 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c)(2). Gulch placer mining claims may be described by protracted survey, or if that is not available or the land is not amenable to protraction, by metes and bounds. See 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c)(2).

Other exceptions are whether the placer claims are on unsurveyed lands or are bench placer claims. 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c). Appellant does not invoke these other exceptions, and therefore we do not discuss them herein.

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The Board has explained the significance of gulch placer claims: "Situations occasionally occur wherein a placer claim is located along a ravine, canyon, or gulch, surrounded by precipitous, and, in many cases, impassable canyon walls and cliffs, which themselves contain no mineral values, and that in these situations, unusual modes of location may be necessary." *Haskins*, 59 IBLA at 97, 88 I.D. at 973. "The critical factor in validating such locations is the inaccessibility of and lack of mineral values in the confining banks, which, as a practical matter, prevent the claimant from embracing these areas within the location." *Id.*, 59 IBLA at 97-98, 88 I.D. at 974 (rejecting a claim as a gulch claim where it included stream banks, including canyon walls).

If BLM notifies a mining claimant that its filing of documentation (for example, a Notice of Location) is defective, then the mining claims are forfeited if the claimant fails to correct the deficiency within the time allowed by BLM in its notice. 43 C.F.R. §§ 3830.91(a)(8); 3830.94(b); see Tim Dunn, 181 IBLA 91, 92 (2011).

Factual Background

On March 31, 2014, Appellant filed two Notices of Location for Placer Mining Claim. Administrative Record (AR) 7. On August 12, 2015, BLM advised Appellant its Notices of Location were inadequate because Appellant indicated the claims were located diagonally, but a placer claim cannot be positioned diagonally.³ BLM advised Appellant that amendments to the Notices of Location were required in order for BLM to accept the claims. AR 5. BLM also explained that Appellant's placer claims must be described by aliquot parts and complete lots using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions. BLM stated amendments to Appellant's Notices of Location must provide either: a description of the mining claim using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions using aliquot parts and complete lots, or; identification of what exception exists that permits Appellant's placer mining claim to be located by metes and bounds (and provide a metes and bounds description). *Id*.

As for the precipitousness (i.e., steepness) of the slopes needed to justify a gulch placer claim, the Department's long-standing view is that it is not impracticable to locate lands ascending at slopes of only 20 to 30 degrees (approximately 35% to 60% slopes). *George Kendall*, 184 IBLA 71, 83 n.18 (2013) (dicta) (citing *Hogan and Idaho Placer Mining Claims*, 34 L.D. 42, 44 (1905)).

³ BLM also noted that some of the claims may have been on patented land, and the map provided by Appellant was not well-defined. AR 5.

On August 19, 2015, David Knight (Knight), trustee of Appellant, discussed the Notices of Location with BLM via telephone. AR 4. In that discussion, Mr. Knight stated the claims were properly located because they are gulch placer claims. *Id.* He also stated they had to be located in this fashion because there were other claims and private land in the area. *Id.* BLM responded by stating that if that is the case, Appellant would need to file amended notices of location stating the claims are gulch placer claims, and providing a topographical map showing the claims are gulch placer claims. *Id.*

After the August 19, 2015, telephone conversation, on its own initiative, BLM reviewed a topographical map and a Google Earth photograph showing the area of the claims. AR 4. After reviewing the documents, BLM concluded neither of Appellant's two claims was a gulch placer claim. *Id.* BLM observed that one side of the AMC427882 claim does have a slope, but the other side does not, and thus concluded there is no gulch. *Id.* As for AMC427883, BLM observed that it is on flat land. *Id.*

On September 8, 2015, Appellant filed Amended Notices of Location. In the Amended Notices of Location, Appellant identified a diagonal location by length and width by feet and by total acreage, which did not conform to the rectangular subdivisions of the U.S. Public Land Survey System. AR 2 and 3. For each claim Appellant stated: "The placer claim is situated in this way because it follows the bed of a meandering stream." AR 3.

In the Decision dated October 7, 2015, BLM determined the Amended Notices of Location did not provide an acceptable reason to file diagonal claims. Decision at 1. BLM reasoned that under 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c), Appellant's statement that the claims followed the bed of a meandering stream, did not establish the claims were gulch placer mining claims. Since Appellant had not properly described the claims as gulch claims, or bordering other mining claims or nonmineral lands, BLM declared the claims forfeited. *Id.* On October 23, 2015, Appellant timely appealed the Decision. AR 1.

Analysis

BLM declared Appellant's placer claims forfeited because Appellant's Amended Notices of Location did not follow the rule that requires placer mining claims be described by aliquot parts and complete lots using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions. At issue is whether Appellant has shown it meets the requirements for describing its placer mining claims because it followed the general rule above or because its claims fit within an exception to that rule because its placer

claims (1) qualify as gulch placer claims, or (2) are bounded by other mining claims or nonmineral lands.⁴ See 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c).

[1] A party appealing a BLM decision has the burden of showing the decision is not supported by a rational basis or does not comply with the governing statute or regulations. See American Colloid Co., 128 IBLA 257, 262 (1994); George Kendall, 184 IBLA at 83 & n.17 (there was no evidence the claims were gulch placers, and so there was no topographic justification for the claimant's failure to conform to the U.S. Public Land Survey System); see also Helit, 157 IBLA at122 (AJ Hemmer, concurring) (lack of evidence that the placer claim's shape or extent relates in any way to a geologic or physical impediment); cf. id. at 116-17 (AJ Frazer, citing cases, "the claimant has the burden of showing that the claim is positioned as asserted"); but see Jim Collins, 175 IBLA 389, 393 (2008) (where BLM did not consider the exceptions to the general rule to comply with the U.S. Public Land Survey System, the Board remanded for consideration). Conclusory allegations of error, standing alone, do not discharge appellant's burden. American Colloid Co., 128 IBLA at 262 (citing Shama Minerals, 119 IBLA 152, 155 (1991)).

[2] Under applicable regulations, after BLM notifies a mining claimant that its filing of documentation is defective, the mining claims are forfeited if the claimant fails to correct the deficiency within the time allowed by BLM in its notice. 43 C.F.R. § 3830.91(a)(8). Generally, placer claims must comply with the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions, and be described by aliquot part (among other requirements). 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c). As an exception, some claims may be described other ways. The exceptions include: (1) gulch placer claims; and (2) claims bounded by other claims or by nonmineral lands. *Id*.

A "[g]ulch placer claim" is: "a placer claim located on the bed of a river contained within steep, nonmineral canyon walls. The form of the river valley and nonmineral character of the valley walls preclude the location of the claim by aliquot parts and a metes and bounds description is necessary." 43 C.F.R. § 3830.5 (definitions). As the Board has previously explained, "situations occasionally occur wherein a placer claim is located along a ravine, canyon, or gulch, surrounded by precipitous, and, in many cases, impassable canyon walls and cliffs, which themselves contain no mineral values, and that in these situations, unusual modes of location may be necessary." *Haskins*, 59 IBLA at 97, 88 I.D. at 973. Thus, gulch mining claims may

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be described by protracted survey, or if that is not available or the land is not amenable to protraction, by metes and bounds. See 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c)(2).

In its Amended Notices of Location, Appellant states its claims are located diagonally because they "follow[] the bed of a meandering stream." See AR 3. The existence of a stream alone does not show a gulch exists. The gulch exists, in pertinent part, because of "steep, nonmineral canyon walls." Furthermore, the administrative record before the Board supports BLM's conclusion that the claims do not qualify as gulch placer claims. BLM reviewed photographic evidence and a topographic map for the claims, and concluded there were no gulches. AR 2; AR 4. BLM found that one claim was on flat land. As for the other claim, it did have a slope on one side, but the other side did not have a slope. Appellant has not presented evidence to show that BLM's analysis was not rational or not supported by the evidence.

On appeal, Appellant articulates two central arguments: one, that its claims really are gulch mining claims, and two, that its claims are bounded by other mining claims or nonmineral lands. In either case, if true, those circumstances present an exception to the general rule that mining claims must be described by aliquot parts and complete lots using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions.

With respect to the first argument, Appellant explains the language it used in the Amended Notices of Location was found on BLM internet sites. AR 1. BLM internet sites reproduced in Appellant's appeal closely track the language of the BLM regulation, which requires that gulch placer claims must be "contained within steep, nonmineral canyon walls." *Id.* There is no mention of claims that follow the bed of a meandering stream, but rather that gulch claims are those "located on the bed of a river contained within steep, nonmineral canyon walls." *Id.*

Appellant also argues the language it used in the Amended Notices of Location is found in the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology's Mining Claim Procedures for Nevada Prospectors and Miners, Fifth Edition (Nevada Guide). AR 1. The portions of the Nevada Guide included in Appellant's appeal indicate that conformity with the U.S. Public Land Surveys System "may not be possible . . . if the claim follows the bed of a meandering stream." It makes no mention of BLM's regulatory requirement that gulch claims have steep, nonmineral canyon walls. In any event, the Nevada Guide is not dispositive in this matter; rather, as stated, the Federal regulations are, and under

http://www.blm.gov/or/programs/minerals/files/locating-claims.pdf; http://www.blm.gov/or/programs/minerals/files/locating-claims.php.

those regulations a description of a claim following a meandering stream does not describe a gulch claim.

With respect to the second argument, Appellant asserts that its claims are bounded by other claims and private land that is not open for mineral entry. AR 1. On appeal, however, Appellant does not explain how other claims and private land not open to entry compelled it to locate the claims along a diagonal. Instead, it suggests it was BLM's duty to investigate this issue: "BLM personnel did not take several minutes to use the BLM's sophisticated [Geographic Information System] programs and view the area and see that the creek (gulch) runs diagonally and there is private ground and other claims. If the BLM personnel would have taken some time and viewed the area before sending the initial Notice or looked at the area during our initial conversation there would have been no need for any of us to spend so much time and expense on this matter when a brief review would have shown the claims are located properly." See AR 2. While under no duty to do so, BLM nevertheless reviewed a topographical map and a Google Earth photograph and noted that the claims either only had one steep side or were flat, that is, no gulch was present for either claim. BLM also analyzed the issue of other claims interfering with Appellant's ability to conform to the U.S. Public Lands Survey System. AR 4. BLM saw that Appellant's claims overlap patented land and are staked over the top of an already existing mining claim; however, other claims were not in the vicinity of Appellant's claims. Id. In other words, Appellant did not demonstrate its claims are bounded by other mining claims or nonmineral lands. Appellant has not shown error in BLM's conclusion on this issue, and consequently we see insufficient ground to reverse BLM.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Land Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 C.F.R. § 4.1, the Decision appealed from is affirmed. Appellant's petition for stay is denied as moot.

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Chief Administrative Judge

I concur:

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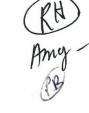
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Decided March 2, 2016

Appeal from and petition to stay a decision of the Bureau of Land Management declaring placer mining claims forfeited because claims were not properly described in Notices of Location. AMC427882, AMC427883.

Affirmed.

1. Administrative Procedure: Generally -- Mining Claims: Location -- Mining Claims: Placer Claims

A party appealing a BLM decision declaring a placer mining claim forfeited bears the burden of showing BLM's decision is not supported by a rational basis or does not comply with the governing statute or regulations. Conclusory allegations of error, standing alone, do not discharge this burden.

2. Mining Claims: Location -- Mining Claims: Placer Claims

A claimant must describe a placer mining claim by aliquot part and complete lots using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions unless exceptions to that rule apply. Concerning the gulch placer exception, BLM regulations define a "gulch placer claim" as "a placer claim located on the bed of a river contained within steep, nonmineral canyon walls." 43 C.F.R. §§ 3830.5, 3832.12(c).

APPEARANCES: David C. Knight, Trustee, for the David C. and Debra J. Knight Living Trust, Elko, Nevada.

OPINION BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE JONES

The David C. and Debra J. Knight Living Trust (Appellant) appeals from an October 7, 2015, Decision of the Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management

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(BLM). In that Decision, BLM declared the following mining claims forfeited: BB 8 and BB 9 (BLM Serial Nos. AMC427882 and AMC427883). BLM declared the placer claims forfeited because they were not described according to the rule codified at 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12. Pursuant to that rule, placer mining claims must be described by aliquot part and complete lots using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions. However, the general rule has several exceptions, two of which are relevant to the matter before us: A placer mining claim may be described alternatively by metes and bounds if the claim (1) qualifies as a gulch placer claim, or (2) is bounded by other mining claims or nonmineral lands. See id. At issue is whether Appellant has shown it meets the requirements for describing its placer mining claims because it followed the general rule or because its claims fit within one of the exceptions to the rule, that is, the claims qualify as gulch placer claims or are bounded by other mining claims or nonmineral land.

Legal and Regulatory Background

The General Mining Law of 1872 provides that placer claims "shall conform as near as practicable with the United States system of public-land surveys, and the rectangular sub-divisions of such surveys" 30 U.S.C. § 35 (2012). A claimant must describe placer mining claims by aliquot part and complete lots using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions unless an exception applies. 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c). Exceptions relevant to the matter before us are placer claims that are (1) gulch placer claims, or (2) bounded by other claims or nonmineral lands. 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c)(1)(ii)-(iii); see, e.g., Melvin Helit, 157 IBLA 111, 119-22 (2002) (AJ Hemmer, concurring); United States v. Haskins, 59 IBLA 1, 95-98, 88 I.D. 925, 972-74 (1981), affd, Civ. No. 82-2112 (C.D. Cal. 1984); Snow Flake Fraction Placer, 37 L.D. 250, 257-58 (1908).

A "gulch placer claim" is "a placer claim located on the bed of a river contained within steep, nonmineral canyon walls. The form of the river valley and nonmineral character of the valley walls preclude the location of the claim by aliquot parts and a metes and bounds description is necessary." 43 C.F.R. § 3830.5 (definitions); see also 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c)(2). Gulch placer mining claims may be described by protracted survey, or if that is not available or the land is not amenable to protraction, by metes and bounds. See 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c)(2).

Other exceptions are whether the placer claims are on unsurveyed lands or are bench placer claims. 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c). Appellant does not invoke these other exceptions, and therefore we do not discuss them herein.

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The Board has explained the significance of gulch placer claims: "Situations occasionally occur wherein a placer claim is located along a ravine, canyon, or gulch, surrounded by precipitous, and, in many cases, impassable canyon walls and cliffs, which themselves contain no mineral values, and that in these situations, unusual modes of location may be necessary." *Haskins*, 59 IBLA at 97, 88 I.D. at 973. "The critical factor in validating such locations is the inaccessibility of and lack of mineral values in the confining banks, which, as a practical matter, prevent the claimant from embracing these areas within the location." *Id.*, 59 IBLA at 97-98, 88 I.D. at 974 (rejecting a claim as a gulch claim where it included stream banks, including canyon walls).

If BLM notifies a mining claimant that its filing of documentation (for example, a Notice of Location) is defective, then the mining claims are forfeited if the claimant fails to correct the deficiency within the time allowed by BLM in its notice. 43 C.F.R. §§ 3830.91(a)(8); 3830.94(b); see Tim Dunn, 181 IBLA 91, 92 (2011).

Factual Background

On March 31, 2014, Appellant filed two Notices of Location for Placer Mining Claim. Administrative Record (AR) 7. On August 12, 2015, BLM advised Appellant its Notices of Location were inadequate because Appellant indicated the claims were located diagonally, but a placer claim cannot be positioned diagonally.³ BLM advised Appellant that amendments to the Notices of Location were required in order for BLM to accept the claims. AR 5. BLM also explained that Appellant's placer claims must be described by aliquot parts and complete lots using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions. BLM stated amendments to Appellant's Notices of Location must provide either: a description of the mining claim using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions using aliquot parts and complete lots, or; identification of what exception exists that permits Appellant's placer mining claim to be located by metes and bounds (and provide a metes and bounds description). *Id*.

As for the precipitousness (i.e., steepness) of the slopes needed to justify a gulch placer claim, the Department's long-standing view is that it is not impracticable to locate lands ascending at slopes of only 20 to 30 degrees (approximately 35% to 60% slopes). *George Kendall*, 184 IBLA 71, 83 n.18 (2013) (dicta) (citing *Hogan and Idaho Placer Mining Claims*, 34 L.D. 42, 44 (1905)).

 $^{^3}$ BLM also noted that some of the claims may have been on patented land, and the map provided by Appellant was not well-defined. AR 5.

On August 19, 2015, David Knight (Knight), trustee of Appellant, discussed the Notices of Location with BLM via telephone. AR 4. In that discussion, Mr. Knight stated the claims were properly located because they are gulch placer claims. *Id.* He also stated they had to be located in this fashion because there were other claims and private land in the area. *Id.* BLM responded by stating that if that is the case, Appellant would need to file amended notices of location stating the claims are gulch placer claims, and providing a topographical map showing the claims are gulch placer claims. *Id.*

After the August 19, 2015, telephone conversation, on its own initiative, BLM reviewed a topographical map and a Google Earth photograph showing the area of the claims. AR 4. After reviewing the documents, BLM concluded neither of Appellant's two claims was a gulch placer claim. *Id.* BLM observed that one side of the AMC427882 claim does have a slope, but the other side does not, and thus concluded there is no gulch. *Id.* As for AMC427883, BLM observed that it is on flat land. *Id.*

On September 8, 2015, Appellant filed Amended Notices of Location. In the Amended Notices of Location, Appellant identified a diagonal location by length and width by feet and by total acreage, which did not conform to the rectangular subdivisions of the U.S. Public Land Survey System. AR 2 and 3. For each claim Appellant stated: "The placer claim is situated in this way because it follows the bed of a meandering stream." AR 3.

In the Decision dated October 7, 2015, BLM determined the Amended Notices of Location did not provide an acceptable reason to file diagonal claims. Decision at 1. BLM reasoned that under 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c), Appellant's statement that the claims followed the bed of a meandering stream, did not establish the claims were gulch placer mining claims. Since Appellant had not properly described the claims as gulch claims, or bordering other mining claims or nonmineral lands, BLM declared the claims forfeited. *Id.* On October 23, 2015, Appellant timely appealed the Decision. AR 1.

Analysis

BLM declared Appellant's placer claims forfeited because Appellant's Amended Notices of Location did not follow the rule that requires placer mining claims be described by aliquot parts and complete lots using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions. At issue is whether Appellant has shown it meets the requirements for describing its placer mining claims because it followed the general rule above or because its claims fit within an exception to that rule because its placer

claims (1) qualify as gulch placer claims, or (2) are bounded by other mining claims or nonmineral lands.⁴ See 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c).

[1] A party appealing a BLM decision has the burden of showing the decision is not supported by a rational basis or does not comply with the governing statute or regulations. *See American Colloid Co.*, 128 IBLA 257, 262 (1994); *George Kendall*, 184 IBLA at 83 & n.17 (there was no evidence the claims were gulch placers, and so there was no topographic justification for the claimant's failure to conform to the U.S. Public Land Survey System); *see also Helit*, 157 IBLA at122 (AJ Hemmer, concurring) (lack of evidence that the placer claim's shape or extent relates in any way to a geologic or physical impediment); *cf. id.* at 116-17 (AJ Frazer, citing cases, "the claimant has the burden of showing that the claim is positioned as asserted"); *but see Jim Collins*, 175 IBLA 389, 393 (2008) (where BLM did not consider the exceptions to the general rule to comply with the U.S. Public Land Survey System, the Board remanded for consideration). Conclusory allegations of error, standing alone, do not discharge appellant's burden. *American Colloid Co.*, 128 IBLA at 262 (citing *Shama Minerals*, 119 IBLA 152, 155 (1991)).

[2] Under applicable regulations, after BLM notifies a mining claimant that its filing of documentation is defective, the mining claims are forfeited if the claimant fails to correct the deficiency within the time allowed by BLM in its notice. 43 C.F.R. § 3830.91(a)(8). Generally, placer claims must comply with the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions, and be described by aliquot part (among other requirements). 43 C.F.R. § 3832.12(c). As an exception, some claims may be described other ways. The exceptions include: (1) gulch placer claims; and (2) claims bounded by other claims or by nonmineral lands. *Id*.

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On appeal, Appellant articulates two central arguments: one, that its claims really are gulch mining claims, and two, that its claims are bounded by other mining claims or nonmineral lands. In either case, if true, those circumstances present an exception to the general rule that mining claims must be described by aliquot parts and complete lots using the U.S. Public Land Survey System and its rectangular subdivisions.

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Appellant also argues the language it used in the Amended Notices of Location is found in the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology's Mining Claim Procedures for Nevada Prospectors and Miners, Fifth Edition (Nevada Guide). AR 1. The portions of the Nevada Guide included in Appellant's appeal indicate that conformity with the U.S. Public Land Surveys System "may not be possible . . . if the claim follows the bed of a meandering stream." It makes no mention of BLM's regulatory requirement that gulch claims have steep, nonmineral canyon walls. In any event, the Nevada Guide is not dispositive in this matter; rather, as stated, the Federal regulations are, and under

⁵ http://www.blm.gov/or/programs/minerals/files/locating-claims.pdf; http://www.blm.gov/or/programs/minerals/files/locating-claims.php.

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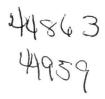
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Name of claim(s): **BLM Serial No(s):** BB 1-4 (80 acre placers) AMC 413297 - 413300 BB 5 (20 acre placer) AMC 413301 BB 6 (20 acre placer) AMC 416504 BB7 (20 acre placer) AMC 423087 BB8 - 9(20 acre placers) AMC 436650 - 436651 **BB** 10 (20 acre placer) AMC 437464

Total Number of Claims: 10 (440 total acres)

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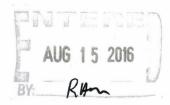
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Name and mailing address of Owner(s) or claimant:

David C. and Debra J. Knight Living Trust 109 Fir Street

Elko, Nevada 89801-3023

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Name of claim(s):

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RAINBOW COPPER #3 - #5	AMC 44865 - 44867
RAINBOW COPPER NO 7 - NO 10	AMC 44869 - 44872

Total Number of Claims: 18

Name and mailing address of Owner or claimant:

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CERTIFICATE OF RELINQUISHMENT PLACER MINING CLAIM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Claim Name:

BB 7

BB9

The Undersigned hereby certifies that David C. & Debra J. Knight Living Trust, is abandoning the following placer mining claims located in an unknown mining district, Yavapai County, Arizona, as of the date noted below. Said Claims are located in Township 12 North, Range 1 East, Section 5, M.D.B.M.

BLM Serial Number:

AMC 423087

AMC 436651

Date of Abandonment: September 23, 2016							
Name and mailing address of Owner or claimant:	David C. & Debra J. Knight Living Trust 109 Fir Street Elko, Nevada 89801-3023						
Dated October 12, 2016. Name: David G. Knight Title: Owner and Trustee							
State of Nevada,)) ss. County of Elko) SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before	David Cooper Knight, e me, a Notary Public, by David & Knight , Owner and Trustee, on						
Date Linda Lataur (Signature of Notarial Officer)	LINDA LATOUR Notary Public-State of Nevada APPT. NO. 13-10840-6 My App. Expires May 15, 2017						

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TOTAL: \$1					

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01 10-21-1976;090STAT0090;43USC1744 Case Type 384201: PLACER CLAIM

Claim Name: BB 8 Commodity:

Case Disposition: ACTIVE

Required Maintenance Fee: \$155.00

Name & Address Int Rel

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09/22/2016	392	MONIES RECEIVED	\$10.00;1	3665107
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08/02/2016	669	LAND STATUS CHECKED		
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To Whom It May Concern,

BB 8 and **BB 9** placer mining claims are oriented diagonally to cover a gulch, and are bounded by mining claims and non mineral lands as prescribed in 42 CFR38.32.12.

Thank you for your assistance,

David C Knight

David Copper Knight

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6 Location Notices-Amendments and Supporting Documents



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Total Acres

Serial Number AMC436651

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Claim Name: BB 9

Lead File Number AMC436650

Commodity:

Case Disposition: ACTIVE

Required Maintenance Fee: \$155.00

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	KNIGHT DEBRA J	109 FIR ST	ELKO, NV 89801-3023	CLAIMANT
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TUNNEL SITE	SUBTOTAL \$ 424.00
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[] Claimant acknowledges that portions of the following claim	im(s) site(s) may be void or voidable.
Printed Name of Claimant	Signature of Claimant
**************************************	DJUDICATION*************

When recorded return to: David C. Knight 109 Fir Street Elko, NV 89801-3023



LOCATION NOTICE FOR PLACER MINING CLAIM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **BB 8** placer mining claim has been located by David Cooper Knight and Debra Jane Knight, Trustees of the David C. and Debra J. Knight Living Trust, whose current address is 109 Fir Street, Elko, Nevada 89801-3023. The general course of this claim is Northwest – Southeast, and it is situated in Yavapai County, Arizona. This claim is 1,320 feet in length and 660 feet in width. This claim runs from the location monument on which this location notice is posted approximately 870 feet in a 305° (N55°W) direction to the North end line and 450 feet in a 125° (S55°E) direction to the South end line and 330 feet in a 35° (N35°E) direction and 330 feet in a 215° (S35°W) direction. This claim is marked by six additional monuments, one at each corner and one at the center of each end line. The claim is oriented diagonally to cover a gulch and is bounded by mining claims and non mineral lands as prescribed in 42 CFR38.32.12.

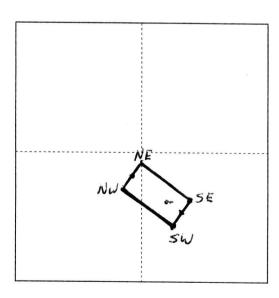
The location monument on which this notice is posted is situated within Section 5, Township 12 North, Range 1 East, Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian, Arizona, and this claim occupies the following quarter section(s), section(s), Township and Range:

1/4	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
NE	5	12N	1E	Gila and Salt River
SE	5	12N	1E	Gila and Salt River
SW	5	12N	1E	Gila and Salt River

The northwest corner of this claim is approximately 1,840 feet North and 3000 feet West of the southeast corner of Section 5, Township 12 North, Range 1 East, Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian, Arizona.

DATED AND POSTED on the ground this 10 day of November, 2015.

by: David Cooper Knight, Locator



Scale 1: 24,000 (1 inch = 2,000 feet)

The above map depicts the BB 8 placer mining claim, which is located in Section(s) 5, Township 12 North, Range 1 East, Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian, Yavapai County, Arizona. The claim corners, end centers, and location monuments are marked by 2 inch by 2 inch by 5 foot wooden posts with aluminum tags. The bearings and distances between claims are as depicted on the map.

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LOCATION NOTICE FOR PLACER MINING CLAIM

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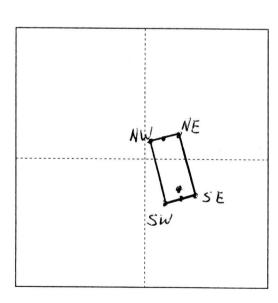
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SE	5	12N	1E	Gila and Salt River

The northwest corner of this claim is approximately 3,000 feet North and 2,430 feet West of the southeast corner of Section 5, Township 12 North, Range 1 East, Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian, Arizona.

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AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF LOCATION Notice BENCH PLACER MINING CLAIM

Bureau of Land Management Serial Number: AMC 436650 Yavapai County Recorder Doc. Number: 2016-0005174

Date of Amendment: September 15, 2016

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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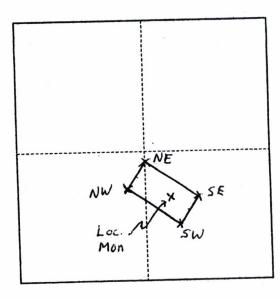
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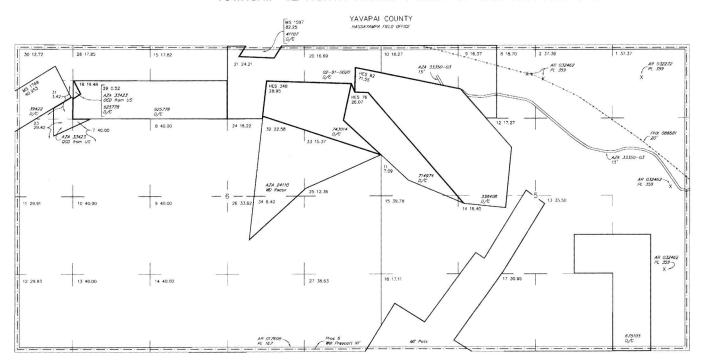
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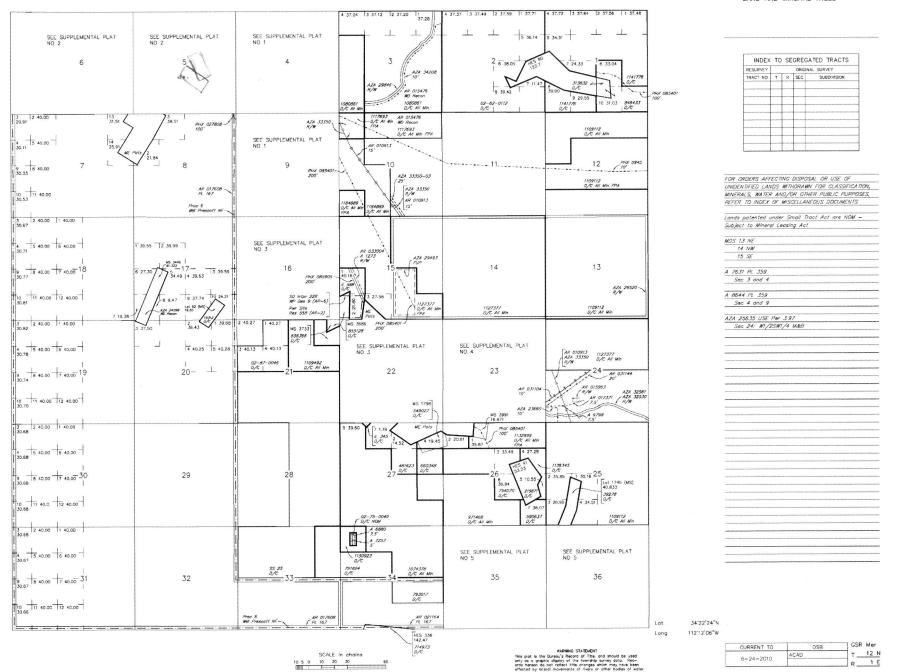
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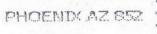


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