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Nuggets of News and Knowledge

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Whether you are new to gold prospecting or an experienced old-timer, whether you have just started swinging a metal detector or have been digging targets for years, get the most out of treasure hunting with these nuggets of news and knowledge— tips, ideas, new products and more!



Mining Claim Filings Due by September 1st

Mining claimants who wish to retain their mining claims on Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service lands through the 2021 assessment year must pay a maintenance fee or file a maintenance fee waiver certificate on or before September 1, 2020, to prevent the mining claim from being forfeited.

The maintenance fee for an existing lode claim, tunnel site, or mill site will increase to \$165 on September 1, 2020. For placer mining claims only, the fees will be \$165 for every 20 acres of land or portion thereof. Miners who file a Small Miner's Waiver on or before September 1 will be required to file an Affidavit of Assessment Work Form on or before December 30, 2020, including the \$15 processing fee per claim.

Each payment must be accompanied by a written list of the claim names and BLM serial numbers for which the maintenance fee is being paid. You can find your state BLM office at www.blm.gov.

Please note that new mining claims filed on or after September 1, 2020, will be subject to the new fee schedule. [Info. continued here.](#)

BLM MINING CLAIM FEES			
FEES - NEW CLAIMS LOCATED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020			
Claim Type	DOCUMENT NEEDED	DATE DUE	PER CLAIM FEE
Lode Claims, Mill Sites, and Tunnel Sites	Notice of Location	Within 90 calendar days after the date of claim location	Processing Fee - \$20 Location Fee - \$37 Maintenance Fee - \$155 Total Per Claim Fee - \$212
Placer Claims	Notice of Location	Within 90 calendar days after the date of claim location	Processing Fee - \$20 Location Fee - \$37 Maintenance Fee - \$155 for each 20 acres or portion thereof
FEES - NEW CLAIMS LOCATED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2020			
Claim Type	DOCUMENT NEEDED	DATE DUE	PER CLAIM FEE
Lode Claims, Mill Sites, and Tunnel Sites	Notice of Location	Within 90 calendar days after the date of claim location	Processing Fee - \$20 Location Fee - \$40 Maintenance Fee - \$165 Total Per Claim Fee - \$225
Placer Claims	Notice of Location	Within 90 calendar days after the date of claim location	Processing Fee - \$20 Location Fee - \$40 Maintenance Fee - \$165 for each 20 acres or portion thereof

Note: For claims located **PRIOR to September 1**, or the end of one assessment year but filed with the BLM **ON OR AFTER September 1**, the beginning of the next assessment year, maintenance fees are charged for both assessment years, unless a valid waiver is filed with the new locations, for the assessment year beginning after the location of the claim.

Nugget of Knowledge

Is it REAL Gold in Your Pan?

Fool's gold, iron pyrite, mica... no matter what you call it, at first glance it looks like real gold and sparkles like real gold in the sunlight or when viewed under water, but how do you know FOR SURE if those gleaming flakes are worth something... or exactly nothing? Real gold retains its yellow sheen even in shadow, whereas fool's gold does not. Also keep in mind that gold is one of the heaviest elements known. Pure gold has a density (specific gravity) of about 19, which means that it weights about 19 times as much as an equivalent amount of water. On the other hand, mica, often mistaken for gold, has a specific gravity of about 2.3. Real gold sinks to the bottom of a gold pan; flakes of mica typically float. Gold is soft and malleable. It can be cut with a knife and

Gold Cube + Accessories Speed Up Production

If you watch any of the Discovery Channel GOLD shows on TV, you have no doubt seen the mining celebrities use a Gold Cube to recover fine gold. But even if you haven't, [check out the videos here](#)



and see for yourself how this product can process tons of concentrates into mere ounces. With a small 12 volt pump (included) and a 12-volt battery (not included), you're ready to clean up your concentrates QUICKLY! The Gold Cube can run a yard of material (classified down to 1/8 inch) in about 2 hours. You can also run half a ton of material through the Gold Cube before you have to stop for a clean up. The Gold Cube is made in the USA and is small enough to fit into the trunk of your car. It consists of stacking trays made of indestructible plastic LDPE. No time to classify? Add a Trommel or Gold Banker to the top of your Gold Cube and speed up production. Add a Nugget Zone to the side of the Cube if you're working chunkier material. [Most Gold Cubes + Accessories ship FREE!](#)

Metal Detecting is Family Fun

When Charles and Eleanor Garrett first began selling and marketing Garrett metal detectors in 1964, they had no idea how greatly they would impact the metal detection industry as a whole. For over 55 years, Garrett's mission has been to build great detectors and provide unparalleled customer satisfaction. If you'd like to find gold and other metallic treasures such as coins, jewelry, and relics, [shop for a Garrett metal detector here](#). Metal detecting is one of the easiest, most profitable, and fun ways to get some exercise and uncover buried treasure!



Made in the USA: Woodman's Pal Tool is Back!

won't splinter. You can even "dent" it with a pin. Fool's gold, though, is hard and flaky. [Click to read more...](#)

Versatile Highbanker Trommel



Ready to take your gold recovery to the next level? It's simple—run more material, get more gold... FASTER! If you already have rich, gold-bearing dirt and it's just a matter of being able to process it quicker than what you're doing now, then it's time to step up your efforts a notch with this versatile gold mining machine that's a classifier, highbanker, and trommel all in one! [Portable highbanker trommel with FREE SHIPPING!](#)

Be Safe During Snake Season!



Don't take a chance when in snake country—snake gaiters offer protection and peace of mind. Protect yourself from snake fangs, painful cacti needles, thorns, and other dangers while prospecting, detecting, hiking, hunting, landscaping and more in the great outdoors! [Snake gaiters](#)



Cuts like a machete, chops like an axe! Once you try it, you'll wonder how you ever did without the Woodman's Pal machete! This battle-tested tool has served in all the wars from WWII through Desert Storm and features a sharp, hard-cutting edge on one side,

suitable for chopping down brush, small trees, cane and any other type of growth. On the other side, you'll find a curved hook that's ideal for pulling and cutting vines, pruning limbs and cutting or hacking any type of overhanging brush. Whether you're blazing a trail, building a duck blind, clearing a shooting lane for hunting, or trimming trees, the Woodman's Pal machete is an American-made hand tool that will last you a lifetime! Kit includes leather sheath, Lansky sharpening stone, and reprints of original 1941 owner's manuals. [Woodman's Pal specs and details found here.](#)

History Nugget: Mighty Argo Mine & Mill



The Argo Gold Mill and Argo Tunnel in Idaho Springs, Colorado made quite an impact on the state's mining history. It all began in 1859 with the first discovery of placer gold, and continued until 1943 following a fatal underground accident that closed the mill and tunnel forever. The best way to learn about this significant time in Colorado's past is to visit the Argo Gold Mill and Mine, now a national historic site.

Renovated and opened to the public in 1978 as an educational tour, most of the original equipment used for processing the ore remains in place, albeit a bit worse for the wear.

A visit to the Argo also includes a self-guided tour of the Double Eagle gold mine, and a chance to pan for gold. The main attraction here is not a mine tour, but rather a mill tour with a history lesson thrown in. The bottom level of the mill

[here.](#)

SAVE on Blue Bowl DEMO Units



This Blue Bowl Concentrator Kit has everything you need to recover fine gold: Blue Bowl, a 750 gallon per hour 12 volt pump, three feet of 3/4 inch flex hose, a pair of battery clips, set of 3 leg levelers with clips, and instructions. Bowl has a few scratches, pump has been used a time or two, but everything works great. [Buy DEMO Blue Bowl Kit and save!](#)

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serves as a museum displaying mining tools, milling artifacts, and old photographs. A custom-built 1930s trommel, a funky spiral concentrator, ore cars, stamp mills, and even a miner's porta potty are scattered around the property. Take a close look at these relics—you'll likely gain a new appreciation for modern-day mining methods and equipment! [Article continued here...](#)



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