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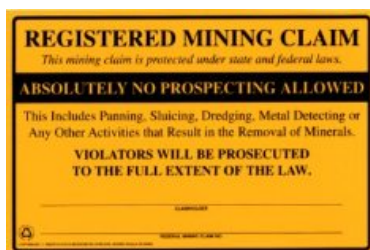
Nuggets of News and Knowledge

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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!



How to File a Mining Claim



As of 2020, there were about 3,891,000 mining claims filed on federal lands across open-for-mineral-entry states. If you want to join the ranks, the following information will be extremely helpful.

What is a Mining Claim? A mining claim is a selected parcel of Federal land, valuable for a specific mineral deposit(s), for which you have asserted a right of possession under the General Mining Law. Your right to the claim is for the extraction of those minerals. The rights granted by a mining claim protect against a challenge by the United States and other claimants— but only after the discovery of a valuable mineral deposit. Your claim is not protected from the government or other miners until you have a discovery of a valuable mineral, recorded in the county of location, and have filed a mining claim with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). There are two types of mining claims— lode and placer. In addition, mill sites and tunnel sites may be located to provide support facilities for lode and placer mining claims.

Once all the steps— locate, record and file— are properly completed, then you have rights to the minerals only on the claim. You cannot live on a claim unless you have a Plan of Operations (POO) that includes project occupancy, and that will allow only limited occupancy during the duration of the project and is most likely going to be added into the required bond of the project within the POO and the Notice of Intent (NOI). If you do not have an occupancy, then you are required to follow the stay limits of 14 days in any given 28-day period. You cannot keep other people off your claim with the exception of people trying or working to recover the valuable minerals that are on your claim. This is clearly defined as mineral trespass and is enforceable. However, if people want to use your claim for day-use recreation, or for camping or hunting at various times of the year, you cannot legally not allow them ingress to your claim unless you have an in-place POO that designates a mining area and other areas that support your efforts to recover valuable minerals. The BLM will work with a POO holder to include as much of the claim as possible to keep ingress limited for safety. [Article continued here...](#)

Nugget of Knowledge

Fun Facts About GOLD

DID YOU KNOW?

Aurophobia is the fear of gold (probably no one reading this newsletter has ever been diagnosed with that condition!). Gold's atomic number is 79. It's listed on the periodic table as Au. Au comes from the old Latin name for gold, aurum, which means "shining dawn" or "glow of sunrise." There are quite a few more interesting facts about the element gold. A few of those fun and fascinating facts include:

- Gold is the most malleable element. A single ounce of gold (about 31 grams) can be stretched into a gold thread 5 miles long and beaten into a 300-square-foot sheet. A sheet of gold can be made thin enough to be transparent. You could even scratch pure gold with

FREE SHIPPING! Gold Well Drop Riffle Sluice

Back by popular demand... the original Gold Well Drop Riffle Sluice invented by the late Bernie Makowski is back on the market again! If you're a fan of the Discovery channel's popular Bering Sea Gold TV show, then you saw Gold Well sluices in action aboard the AU Grabber dredge during the 2013 summer filming season in Nome, Alaska.



Performance was exceptional! Just think of the time savings—no more carpets, matting, or miner's moss to clean up! The Gold Well Vortex Drop Riffle Sluice works by creating a gentle, vertically oriented vortex. This vortex keeps material in the spiral shaped Wells in motion, causing light material to be flushed out easily and concentrating heavy material. When a piece of gold crosses this vortex, it finds no stable bed to rest on so it drops to the bottom, where it stays, because there is no force coming up from the bottom to flush it back out. Horizontal grooves are not designed to trap gold, they are mixing Wells. The slots create turbulence sufficient to cause light material to be forced up into the upper laminar flow regions of the water flow so they will be quickly removed by the water stream flowing through the sluice. The heavier materials move more slowly through the sluice, along the bottom where it is forced to cross the spiral Wells where it is trapped. [Learn more about Gold Well Drop Riffle Sluices.](#)

NEW! Vortex Dream Mat for Fine Gold



Over the years, you may have tried many different types of mats, carpets, riffles, and miners moss, but Dream Mat was inspired solely to help prospectors work less to get more gold! This new Vortex Dream Mat is the first sluice mat ever to be scientifically engineered and designed using advanced fluid dynamic principles and physics. The mini Hydro-Cyclone inspired vortex cells

classify, separate, capture and hold gold naturally. Dream Mat's vortex cells exploit nature's own forces in a patented system that's ideal for fine gold recovery. These mini cells are engineered to capture the tiny gold without needing huge amounts of water to maintain good exchange. This mini cell system is designed for classified feeds — 8 mesh is a good screen size, but you can screen lower if desired. Big gold can be caught easily in just about any system. Bigger gold is really heavy and Dream Mat captures and holds the bigger gold in its vortex holding cells, just like it does with fine gold. Vortex Dream Mat available in a [6 x 24 inch sluice](#), or in a [small power sluice kit](#) as shown.

a fingernail.

• A karat is a unit of purity. And the karat number will determine the amount of gold in a particular piece. It is measured on a scale from eight to 24 in increments of two, with the higher number representing greater purity. However, almost nothing is pure gold or, 24 karats, with jewelry topping out at 22 karats. That's because typically, when crafting gold jewelry, the gold must be mixed with another metal, such as copper or silver to make it usable. [More facts about GOLD found here.](#)

NEW! Rock Hound Kit for Beginners



Rockhounding, or amateur geology, is the recreational study and collection of rocks, gems, minerals, or fossils from their natural environments. Rockhounds are the people who cannot pass by a pretty rock without picking it up for a closer look. If that sounds like you, or you want to get into the hobby of rock hounding, check out the NEW [5-Piece Rock Hounding Kit](#) for Beginners.

Have You Tried a Batea Gold Pan?

Be Safer Wearing Razer Snake Gaiters!



Don't take a chance when in snake country— Razer Snake Gaiters offer protection and peace of mind. Protect your lower legs from snake fangs, painful cacti needles, thorns, and other dangers while prospecting, detecting, landscaping, hiking, or hunting in the desert or woods. One size fits most women and men. Light-weight, adjustable [Razer snake gaiters here.](#)

History Nugget: Ruins of Rhyolite, Nevada

Winding throughout the rich and colorful Silver State, Nevada's highways and byways are ideal for discovering America's history. Route 374 is a prime example and leads to the much-photographed ghost town of Rhyolite.



Located four miles outside the city of

Beatty, 120 miles from Las Vegas, and about five miles from the California border of Death Valley National Park, Rhyolite is easy to reach and worth a stop. The town's Cook Bank, constructed in 1907, is said to be the most photographed ruin in the state of Nevada, so bring your camera.

As far as boomtowns go, Rhyolite is a "newer" ghost town, having been born and busted between 1904 and 1920. What's also special is that its crumbling yet photogenic buildings are mostly made of concrete, not wood. Since lumber was scarce in the desert, one creative miner even built his home out of mud and 30,000 assorted liquor bottles! But perhaps what is most unusual here is that you are guaranteed to see ghosts as you head into Rhyolite— yes, even in broad daylight! [Article continued...](#)



The Batea is most likely the oldest gold pan design in the world. If you have ever watched a documentary on mining in any part of the world other than North America, you have seen a Batea—it is funnel in shape, has no riffles, and with some practice, will run a great deal of material very quickly with a very high recovery rate. It measures 20 inches across and 5 inches deep. It is very blue for a reason—it creates the best contrast that makes the gold pop compared to the other minerals. [Batea Gold Pan Kit found here.](#)

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