

**Table 3-22. ADJUDICATION OF MINING CLAIMS, PUBLIC LAW 94-579,
FROM OCTOBER 21, 1976, THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2002**

Administrative State	Total Claims At Beginning of Fiscal Year	Claims Received During Year	Total At Year End	Active Claims At Beginning of Fiscal Year /a/	Claims Closed /b/	Claims Held Under FHFC /c/	Active Claims At Year End
Alaska	115,235	255	115,490	8,070	995	35	7,736
Arizona	355,263	838	356,101	20,582	2,257	194	21,407
California	278,425	1,674	280,099	18,181	2,778	502	16,331
Colorado	250,980	423	251,403	5,772	629	40	5,032
Eastern States /d/	10,989	0	10,989	9	0	0	3
Idaho	183,511	924	184,435	10,283	1,197	244	9,929
Montana /e/	209,437	617	210,054	12,141	2,131	10	9,082
Nevada	821,250	7,366	828,616	93,100	19,143	472	88,124
New Mexico /f/	168,635	347	168,982	4,581	1,086	63	6,314
Oregon /g/	155,578	686	156,264	9,430	1,278	41	7,036
Utah	356,753	1,019	357,772	8,559	1,520	158	8,468
Wyoming /h/	257,956	1,258	259,214	12,646	640	91	16,720
Total	3,164,012	15,407	3,179,419	203,354	33,654	1,850	196,182

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- /a/ Active means that the subject claim or site is in good standing under the recording, maintenance, and assessment work statutes. It does not refer to any potential activity upon the land contained within the claim or site.
- /b/ Claims patented, or claims declared forfeit or abandoned and void, or null and void, under Public Laws 94-579, 103-66, or 105-277. On October 21, 1998, Public Law 105-277 (112 Stat. 2681-235) continued a one-time location fee of \$25 and an annual maintenance fee of \$100 per claim or site in lieu of performance of assessment work. Certain “small miners” and mineral patent applicants were exempted and the fees waived. Failure to pay, qualify as a “small miner,” qualify for a waiver, or file necessary documents as required by law or regulation results in statutory abandonment and forfeiture of the affected claim or site (43 CFR 3833.1-6). Claims forfeited or abandoned in one year may be closed out in the following year.
- /c/ Claims held under First Half of the Mineral Entry Final Certificate (FHFC) for a mineral patent application are exempt from the requirements to perform assessment work or to pay the annual \$100 fee (43 CFR 3851.5).
- /d/ Includes all States bordering on, or east of, the Mississippi River.
- /e/ Includes North and South Dakota.
- /f/ Includes Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas.
- /g/ Includes Washington.
- /h/ Includes Nebraska.

Sources: BLM’s automated mining claim recordation systems for the lower 48 States and Alaska; BLM State Office records and working files.