



## Notice of Intent Instructions 36 CFR 228.4(a) - Locatable Minerals

If you have a question about the NOI process or mining regulations, contact the Forest Service office that administers the lands involved with your proposed mining operation.

The purpose of submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) for a proposed mining operation is to provide the Forest Service District Ranger with sufficient information to determine if the level of proposed disturbance will require a Plan of Operations and a detailed environmental analysis. The District Ranger will, within 15 days of receipt of the NOI, evaluate the NOI and notify the operator whether or not a Plan of Operations is required.

A NOI is required from any person proposing to conduct operations which might cause a significant disturbance of surface resources. If you are uncertain whether your operation falls within this category, we recommend you file a NOI. It can be included as part of a letter to the District Ranger and should address the five items listed below.

- 1. The name, address, and telephone number of the operator.** The NOI should be signed and dated by the operator.
- 2. The area involved.** The description should include the township, range, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  section of where your proposal will occur and with enough detail to locate the area on the ground. We recommend you enclose a map of suitable scale (U.S. Geological Survey map scale 1: 24,000) with your NOI and indicate on the map where your claim and operations would be located on the ground; locate in the map any work areas, parking areas, and any areas of occupancy. You may create and download a free map using: <https://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/rastergateway/states-regions/states.php>  
*Instructions for creating a map can be found on the following page.*
- 3. The nature of the proposed operations.** Describe what you plan to do. Include when and how you will be operating, the proposed start-up date, and the expected duration of the activities. List other details such as the number of people involved in the operation, equipment you intend to use (sizes, capacity, frequency of use), depth of proposed suction dredging or excavation, how waste material will be handled, what vegetation will be removed, the size of area to be disturbed, quantity of material to be removed, housing or camping facilities to be used, and the method for sewage and waste disposal.
- 4. The route of access to the area of operations.** Describe the route of access or display it on your enclosed map and identify individual roads and trails you intend to use.
- 5. The method of transport.** Describe the vehicles or other transport used to carry people, equipment, supplies, and living quarters to and from the work site. Describe if transport will be by foot, stock (horses, mules, etc.), trucks, motorcycles, cars, etc.

**Completed NOI may be mailed to:**  
USFS Leadville Ranger District  
810 Front Street  
Leadville, CO 80461

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals>

*(If more space is needed to fill out a block of information, use additional sheets and attach to form)*



Link to map application:

<https://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/rastergateway/states-regions/states.php>

Follow these easy steps to download the copy of the/your map(s) for your convenience:

- 1) Use the key Ctrl of your keyboard at the same time you click (with the arrow of the mouse) in the link provided for the map.
- 2) A webpage will open with USDA-FS Topo Map product Download
- 3) Then use “Click here” to open the viewer in a separate window.
- 4) The complete map will appear in the search space (there is a magnifier icon in the up left corner) type the county you are looking for. Example: type “Park County, CO”
- 5) A map will appear with the county quadrangles, then select the quadrangle where your claim is located. For example, if your claim is in “Climax Quadrangle” click there.
- 6) Before you print, try to ‘Zoom In’ your map, so you can clearly see the location of your operation area. Print the size of your map at your convenience.
- 7) To print your map, select the option ‘PDF’. Be sure to outline the boundaries of your claim, your work areas, your access, and your parking area(s) on the map.



Example Format for Notice of Intent Instructions
Pursuant to 36 CFR §228.4(a) – Locatable Minerals

USFS LEADVILLE RANGER DISTRICT

Received By:
Date Received:
15-day Response Date:

Name: Date:

Mailing Address:

City/State Zip Code:

Email: Phone Number:

This serves as my/our intent to conduct mining activities on National Forest System (NFS) lands administered by the South Park Ranger District of the Pike National Forest. I am proposing to mine in the following AREA(s):

Drainage(s):

Section Township: Range:

Claim # (if applicable):

Other Description:

I am proposing to do the following MINING ACTIVITIES (describe in detail – attach an extra sheet if necessary):

[Blank lines for mining activities description]

I will use the following TOOLS/ EQUIPMENT: Specify handwork, type of tool and/or machinery, etc.

My PLAN FOR RECLAMATION is:

My estimated SIZE of DISTURBANCE is:

I will use the following ROUTES/ ROADS to access my project area(s):

I will use the following VEHICLES to access my project area: Specify type of vehicle, foot travel, animal, etc.

I would like to work on the following DATES (mm/dd/yy):

SIGNATURE OF OPERATOR(S):

[Signature lines with date placeholders (mm/dd/yy)]

\*\*A Plan of Operations (form FS-2800-5) will be required for all activities that involve machinery, tree felling, road construction, and other activities that cause significant disturbance (36 CFR 228.4)

ATTACH MAP TO NOTICE: Map must show mining claim, both road and off-road access to work site. Road access is shown in BLACK, off-road access is shown in BLUE, and proposed road and/or trail construction is shown in RED.