



SMALL MINER EXCLUSION & EXPLORATION LICENSES

PLEASE NOTE:

1. The following Hard Rock Mining fees are effective as of July 1, 2025, as enacted under House Bill 69.
2. Small Miner Exclusion Statements and Exploration Licenses each require annual renewal.
3. The Annual Fee (including fees for revisions and minor amendments submitted within the previous 12 months) will be invoiced to the operator prior to the annual renewal.

SMALL MINER EXCLUSION STATEMENT (SMES)

New SMES and Fee Submitted Annually with Renewal	\$100
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Late Fee – If Renewal and Fee are Not Submitted by March 1st of each year	\$100
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NEW EXPLORATION LICENSE *82-4-332, Montana Code Annotated (MCA)*

FEE

Activities on the surface of land only	\$1000
Activities beneath the surface of the land	\$2000
Licenses including <i>both</i> surface and beneath the surface disturbance	\$2000

LICENSE MODIFICATIONS

To be paid with the Annual Renewal – 82-4-342, MCA

FEE

Each Minor Amendment or Revision	\$100
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AMENDMENT TO LICENSE

To be paid at the time of Amendment – 82-4-342, MCA

FEE

Activities only on the surface of the land	\$250
Activities beneath the surface of the land	\$500
Amendments including <i>both</i> surface and beneath the surface disturbance	\$500

ANNUAL RENEWAL

82-4-331 and 82-4-342(2)(c), MCA

FEE

Activities only on the surface of the land only	\$100*
Activities beneath the surface of the land	\$400*
Renewals including <i>both</i> surface and beneath the surface disturbance	\$400*

*Annual Renewal Fee plus (+) each Minor Amendment or Revision Fee from past 12-months.



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