

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

**COLOR-OF-TITLE APPLICATION**

Act of December 22, 1928, as amended July 28, 1953, 43 U.S.C. 1068

Serial Number

INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2

1. Name of applicant ( <i>first, middle initial, and last</i> )		2. Address ( <i>include zip code</i> )		
3. Phone ( <i>include area code</i> )				
4. Legal description of lands claimed				
TOWNSHIP	RANGE	SECTION	SUBDIVISION	
Meridian		County	State	Acres ( <i>number</i> )
5. Type of application:      Class 1      Class 2      Both				
6. Are you the record titleholder?      Yes      No      ( <i>if "no," explain</i> )				
7. By what <b>written</b> instrument do you assert ownership ( <i>deed, will, court order, etc.</i> )? Attach copy of instrument to application				
8. On what date did you first learn that you did not have clear title?				
9. From what source did you obtain this information?				
10a. Have you had title to the lands searched?      Yes      No      ( <i>if yes, please complete the following information about the examiner</i> )				
10b. Name		10d. Address ( <i>include zip code</i> )		
10c. Phone ( <i>include area code</i> )				
10e. Date of examination				
11a. Total purchase price paid by you for above-described property				\$
11b. Estimated value of structural and cultural improvements on date of purchase				
11c. Estimated value of existing structural and cultural improvements added since purchased				
11d. Amount received for forest products sold since purchased				\$
12a. Is the land currently under cultivation?      Yes      No				
13a. Specify which calendar years cultivated			13b. Acres cultivated ( <i>number</i> )	
14. List any improvements to property				

15. If claim originated before January 1, 1901, are you also applying for the mineral estate?      Yes      No      Not applicable  
(Complete only if claim originated before January 1, 1901)

16. Enclose the following:
- a. A filing fee of \$10
  - b. Form 2540-2 showing all conveyances affecting title to lands
  - c. Form 2540-3 showing levy and payment of taxes for each year of claim (Required of Class 2 claimants only)

I CERTIFY That the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Type or print plainly in ink.

Do **not** submit abstracts of title with this application. Such evidence may be requested later and, if so, will be returned to you.

### SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS (Items not listed are self-explanatory)

Item

- 4. Give complete legal description of the land
  - (a) Surveyed land must be described by legal subdivision, section, township, range, and meridian;
  - (b) Unsurveyed land must be described by metes and bounds as accurately as possible, giving length and direction of each of the boundaries in the tract; description of each of the several corners; and position of land with reference to established survey monuments, towns, roads, creeks, rivers, mountain peaks, or other prominent topographic points, natural objects, or other points of reference; final action will be suspended until plat of survey is filed. Acreage applied for must not exceed 160 acres.
- 5. Claims for  
Class 1 must be held under under claim or color-of-title for at least twenty (20) years and must have either valuable improvements or cultivation.

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- Class 2 must have originated before January 1, 1901, and must show levy and payment of taxes during entire period of claim (43 CFR 2540.0-5(b)).
- 6. Explain your interest only if you are not claiming land as record title owner. Attach additional sheet if needed.
- 11a. Do not include price paid for other lands that may have been included in same purchase.
- 16a. Application will not be considered filed without payment of \$10 filing fee which is nonreturnable. Make check, money order, or bank draft payable to the Bureau of Land Management.
- b. Be sure that all conveyances and claims of title, both record and nonrecord are itemized.
- c. Class 2 claimants only: Be sure every year covered by claim is accounted for.

## NOTICES

The Privacy Act of 1974 and the regulation in 43 CFR 2.48(d) provide that you be furnished the following information in connection with information required by this application.

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**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** The information is to be used to process this application and to document the administrative action relating to the application.

**ROUTINE USES:** (1) The adjudication of the applicant's rights. (2) Documentation for public information in support of notations made on land status records for the management, disposal, and use of public lands and resources. (3) Transfer to appropriate Federal agencies when concurrence is required prior to granting a right in public lands or resources. (4)(5) Information from the record and/or the record will be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

**EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:** Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If all the information is not provided, your application may be rejected.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to inform you that:

BLM collects this information to process your request for Federal lands under the provisions of the Color-of-Title Regulations, found in 43 CFR Section 2540.

Information will be used to illustrate whether the applicant meets the requirements of the Act under which the application is filed, see 43 CFR Part 2540, Subparts 2541-2547.

Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit, see 43 CFR Subpart 2541.2.

BLM would like you to know that you do not have to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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