

## USDA/FS-17

**System Name:** Mineral Operators, USDA/FS.

**System Location:** At the Forest Service headquarters office of the Chief, Regional Foresters, and Forest Supervisors as listed in 36 CFR Part 200, Subpart A.

**Categories of individuals covered by the system:**

**Categories of records in the system:** The system consists of inter- and intra-agency, Secretarial, Presidential and Congressional correspondence, notices of intention to operate, operating plans, reclamation plans, mineral evaluations, environmental reports and pleadings.

**Authority for maintenance of the system:** 16 U.S.C. 478, 486, 518, 551; 36 CFR part 228.

**Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses:** Referral to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, State, local or foreign, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecution a violation of law or enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto, of any record within this system when information available indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute, or by rule, regulation or order issued thereto. Referral to a court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal, or to opposing counsel in a proceeding before any of the above of any records within the system which constitutes evidence in that proceeding or which is sought in the course of discovery. Disclosure may be made to a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the congressional office made at the request of that individual.

Disclosure may be made to commercial collection contractors for the purpose of collecting delinquent debts as authorized by 31 U.S.C. 3718. Disclosure of the individual's name; address; taxpayer identification number (SS), and other information necessary to establish the identity of the individual; the amount, status, and history of the claim; and the agency or program under which the claim arose may be made to a consumer reporting agency as authorized by 31 U.S.C. 3711f if a debt which arose under the terms of a permit remains delinquent for more than 60 days. Such disclosures may include taxpayer mailing addresses obtained from IRS as authorized by 26 U.S.C. 6103(m).

**Policies and practices for storing, retrieving, accessing, retaining, and disposing of records in the system:**

**Storage:** Records are maintained in file folders.

**Retrievability:** Records are indexed by the name of the individual operator.

**Safeguards:** Records are kept in a locked office.

**Retention and disposal:** Records are maintained indefinitely.

**System manager(s) and address:** Director, Minerals and Geology Management, Forest Service U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 2417, Washington, D.C. 20013.

**Notification procedure:** Any individual may request information regarding this system of records or information as to whether the system contains records pertaining to him/her from the System Manager listed above. A request for information pertaining to an individual should contain name, address, and State in which mineral operations are located.

**Record access procedures:** Use same procedures as for requesting Notification.

**Contesting record procedures:** Use same procedures as for requesting Notification.

**Record source categories:** Information in this system is provided by the individual, agency staff personnel, and other organizations.

**Systems exempted from certain provisions of the act:** Parties who have filed operating plans or notices of intention to operate under authority of the 1872 mining law, or who intend to exercise mineral rights pursuant to mineral reservations on National Forest System lands.