

Rights and Duties of Miners

Section 19. The forms of application for a grant for placer mining, and the grant of the same, shall be those contained in forms F and G in the schedule hereto.

Grants for
placer
mining.

Section 20. The entry of every holder of a grant for placer mining must be renewed, and his receipt relinquished and replaced every year the entry fee being paid each time.

Renewal
every year.

Section 21. No miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim in the same locality, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and any number of miners may unite to work their claims in common upon such terms as they may arrange, provided such agreement be registered with the local agent.

Only one
claim
granted
in one
locality.

Section 22. Any miner or association of miners may sell, mortgage, or dispose of his or their claims, provided such disposal be registered with, and a fee of two dollars paid to the local agent, who shall thereupon give the assignee a certificate in form H in the schedule hereto.

Miner may
sell or
mortgage
claim.

Section 23. Every miner shall, during the continuance of his grant, have the exclusive right of entry upon his own claim, for the miner-like working thereof, and the construction of a residence thereon, and shall be entitled exclusively to all the proceeds realized therefrom; but he shall have no surface rights therein; and the local agent may grant to the holders of adjacent claims such right of entry thereon as may be absolutely necessary for the working of their claims, upon such terms as may to him seem reasonable.

Exclusive
right of
entry
and to
proceeds,
but not to
surface.

Section 24. Every miner shall be entitled to the use of so much of the water naturally flowing through or past his claim, and not already lawfully appropriated, as shall, in the opinion of the local agent, be necessary for the due working thereof; and shall be entitled to drain his own claim free of charge.

Use of
water and
right to
drain.

Section 25. A claim shall be deemed to be abandoned and open to occupation and entry by any person when the same shall have remained unworked on working days by the grantee thereof for the space of seventy-two hours, unless sickness or other reasonable cause be shown, or unless the grantee is absent on leave.

When claim
shall be
deemed
to be
abandoned.

Section 26. A claim granted under these regulations shall be continuously and in good faith worked, except as otherwise provided, by the grantee thereof or by some person on his behalf.

Claim
shall be
worked
contin-
uously.

Section 27. In tunnelling under hills on the frontage of which angles occur, or which may be of an oblong or elliptical form, no party shall be allowed to tunnel from any of the said angles, or from either end of such hills, so as to interfere with parties tunnelling from the main frontage.

Tunnelling
under hills.