

Chap. 31.

Indian Lands—Mining Regulations.

Miner.	"Miner" shall mean a person holding a mining location or a grant for placer mining.
Claim.	"Claim" shall mean the personal right of property in a placer mine or diggings during the time for which the grant of such mine or diggings is made.
Bar diggings.	"Bar diggings" shall mean any mine over which a river extends when in its flooded state.
Dry diggings.	"Dry diggings" shall mean any mine over which a river never extends.
Bench diggings.	The mines or benches shall be known as "bench diggings," and shall, for the purpose of defining the size of such claims, be excepted from "dry diggings."
Streams and Ravines.	"Streams and ravines" shall include water-courses whether usually containing water or not, and all rivers, creeks and gulches.
Ditch.	"Ditch" shall include a flume or race, or other artificial means for conducting water by its own weight, to be used for mining purposes.
Ditch head.	"Ditch head" shall mean the point in a natural water-course or lake where water is first taken into a ditch.
Claimant.	"Claimant" shall mean a person who has obtained an entry for a mining location with a view to patent.
Placer mining.	"Placer mining" shall mean the working of all forms of deposits excepting veins of quartz or other rock in place.
Quartz mining.	"Quartz mining" shall mean the working of veins of quartz or other rock in place.
Location.	"Location" shall mean the land entered by or patented to any person for the purpose of quartz mining.

Hearing and Decision of Disputes.

Disputes, how determined.	Sec. 68. The local agent shall have power to hear and determine all disputes in regard to mining property arising within his district, subject to appeal by either of the parties to the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.
Procedure, copy of complaint, service.	Sec. 69. No particular forms of procedure shall be necessary, but the matter complained of must be properly expressed in writing, and a copy of the complaint shall be served on the opposite party not less than days before the hearing of the said complaint.
Amendment.	Sec. 70. The complaint may, by leave of the local agent, be amended at any time before or during the proceedings.
Deposit on filing complaint.	Sec. 71. The complainant shall, at the time of filing his complaint, deposit therewith a bond-fee of \$10, which shall be returned to him if the complaint proves to have been well founded, and not otherwise, except for special cause by direction of the Superintendent General of Indian affairs.