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Digital mining claim density map for Federal lands in Utah: 1996

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INTRODUCTION

This report describes a digital map generated by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to provide digital spatial mining claim density information for federal lands in Utah as of March 1997. Mining claim data is earth science information deemed to be relevant to the assessment of historic, current, and future ecological, economic, and social systems. There is no paper map included in this Open-File report.

In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), all unpatented mining claims, mill, and tunnel sites must be recorded at the appropriate BLM State office. BLM maintains a cumulative computer listing of mining claims in the MCRS database with locations given by meridian, township, range, and section. A mining claim is considered closed when the claim is relinquished or a formal BLM decision declaring the mining claim null and void has been issued and the appeal period has expired. All other mining claims filed with BLM are considered to be open and actively held. The digital map (figure 1.) with the mining claim density database available in this report are suitable for geographic information system (GIS)-based regional assessments at a scale of 1:100,000 or smaller.

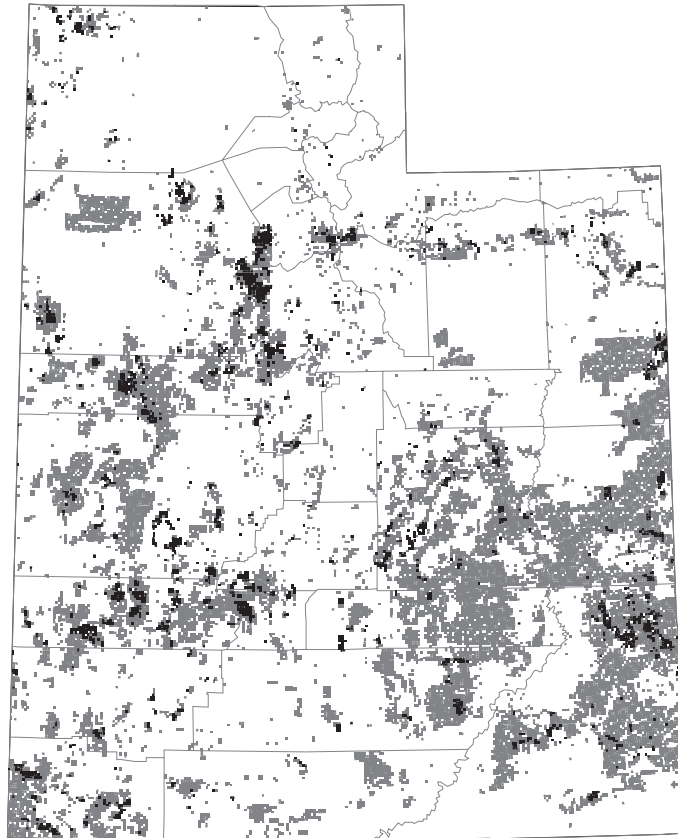


Figure 1. --- Open (black) and closed (gray) status of mining claims in Utah for 1996.

DATA SOURCES, PROCESSING, AND ACCURACY

Data Sources

The mining claim density database of federal lands in Utah is one of 13 statewide databases published in the U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 99-325. The database contains information identifying 1) the meridian, township, range, and section (MTRS) designation, a unique record identifier, 2) the number and type of claims (lode, placer, mill site, tunnel site) within each section, and 3) the status of the claims (open is held by a claimant, closed is no longer held). The original mine claim data used to create the databases in OF99-325 were acquired from the BLM in March 1997. An official quarterly release of the MCRS mine claim data for Utah is available by specific request from the:

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Mining Claim Recordation System Coordinator
NI-112, Denver Federal Center
P.O. Box 25047
Denver, CO 80225-0047

The statewide Public Land Survey (PLS) digital map of Utah, *ut_clms.e00*, was used to create the digital mining claim density map. The digital map was in Arc/Info export format and was acquired as legacy data from the U.S. Bureau of Mines (USBM) which was closed by Congress in February 1996. No metadata information was available with this digital file. The PLS is assumed to be from 1:100,000 scale sources.

Processing

The digital file, *ut_clms.e00*, was imported using Arc/Info, version 7.1.1 (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., Redlands, California), a commercially available GIS software, as an Arc/Info coverage into a workspace on a Sun Ultra 1 with Solaris 2.5.1 operating software. Each section of the new digital PLS contained a unique identifier corresponding in form to the MTRS in the mining claim density database. This digital map had been used for an older mining claim density database created by the USBM. The older data, which was directly attached to the coverage, was removed and the current database from OF99-325 was linked, using a relate file, with the digital PLS of Utah. The linking process connected the data in the database to their corresponding sections in the digital map. The result was a digital mining claim density map (figure 1.) with the attributes of the current database. A subset of the digital map, that part containing mine claim density data, was created and named *ut_clms2*. This step was necessary because the PLS acquired from the USBM is not public domain data. However, subsets of the PLS, such as the one in this report, can be released provided that the PLS of the state cannot be recreated from the subset. The relate file was renamed *ut_clms2.rel* and the database of Utah from OF99-325 was renamed *ut_clms2.clms*. The renaming allows the database and the relate file to be included in the single export file, *ut_clms2.e00*, created when packaging the digital map for others.

Figure 1 displays the sections of the PLS containing claims and their status for this digital map. The map can be queried regarding its other attributes and can be used in investigating relationships with other digital data.

Accuracy

Several factors can affect the accuracy of the mining claim density database and digital map. The original data from BLM may contain errors. Two possible sources of error in the database are 1) incorrect position of the mining claim submitted by the claimant, and 2) input errors from the data entry papers to the computer database.

The digital map of the PLS of Utah may contain errors. Possible errors include 1) misidentified sections, 2) sections with no identifying information, and 3) sections missing from the PLS digital map. These errors would result in incorrect locations of the mining claim density data or failure of the data to be connected with the digital map.

Tables 1 and 2, summarize the number of mining claims by type and status for the digital map and the database. The total number of claims in the digital map (table 1) do not agree with the total number of claims in the mining claim density database from OF99-325 (table 2). Some contributing factors may be 1) failure of the data to find a section to combine with in the digital map, or 2) sections occurring as multiple parts due to irregular state boundaries, shorelines, or to non-PLS land surveys. The first type of error results in a decrease in the expected number of claims in the digital map. The second results in an increase. Both sources of error may be present. A ratio of the grand totals of all claims of Table 1 to Table 2 should show the degree of fit of the digital map totals to the original database totals. A value equal to 1 indicates a 100% fit. A value less than 1 indicates data was lost. A value greater than 1 indicates multi-part sections may be in the digital PLS map. The table shows that the digital map contains 361,202 mining claims but the database contains 360,628 mining claims. A ratio of the two numbers, 1.0016, indicates a very good fit.

Table 1. Mining claim totals by type and status in Utah (digital map linked to database)

	DIGITAL MAP DATABASE CLAIM TOTALS				
Type of Claim	LODE	PLACER	MILL	TUNNEL	ALL CLAIMS
Number of Open Mining Claims	11,900	2,617	976	7	15,500
Number of Closed Mining Claims	309,290	32,539	3,751	122	345,702
Grand Totals	321,190	35,156	4,727	129	361,202

Table 2. Mining claim totals by type and status in Utah (ut_clms2.clms database)

	DENSITY DATABASE CLAIM TOTALS				
Type of Claim	LODE	PLACER	MILL	TUNNEL	ALL CLAIMS
Number of Open Mining Claims	11,865	2,613	976	7	15,461
Number of Closed Mining Claims	308,670	32,624	3,751	122	345,167
Grand Totals	320,535	35,237	4,727	129	360,628

Another concern regarding accuracy involves the visual representation of the data to a viewer. The digital map does not accurately represent the aerial extent of the lands covered by a mining claim because the presence of one mining claim, about 20 acres for a lode claim, will 'color in' the entire section (640 acres) it occurs in. A section is typically 1 square mile. The visual representation of one claim is magnified by a factor of 32 times its actual size. The best digital map resolution available at this time is to the section. Any area calculations done with the digital map for mining claims will likely be unreliable. Specific information about a particular area should be acquired from the BLM State office.

Additionally, the positional accuracy of a mining claim is generalized to one section in the PLS even if it crosses into another section. Mining claims generally follow geologic features and usually do not conform to the PLS lines. The procedure used by Campbell (1996) chooses the first section listed for a mining claim in the MCRS as the section of position. This method insures that each claim is counted only once. The digital PLS map may have been derived from 1:100,000 source maps. It is considered accurate enough for geographic representations for the purposes of regional assessments at a scale of 1:100,000 or smaller.

MINING CLAIM DENSITY MAP CONTENTS

Table 3 contains the structure and descriptions of specific fields within the digital map, ut_clms2, linked with the mining claim density database, ut_clms2.clms. The fields in normal type are from the digital PLS of Utah. The italicized field in bold type, *mtrs*, is common to both the PLS and the database. The fields in bold type are from the mining claim density database.

Table 3. Structural relationship of the digital map to the mining claim density database

COLUMN	ITEM NAME	WIDTH	OUTPUT	TYPE	DEC	DESCRIPTION
1	area	4	12	Floating	3	Internal Arc/Info polygon area
5	perimeter	4	12	Floating	3	Internal Arc/Info polygon perimeter
9	ut_clms2#	4	5	Binary	-	Internal Arc/info polygon number
13	ut_clms2-id	4	5	Binary	-	User-defined polygon number
17	<i>mtrs</i> ¹	18	18	Character	-	Meridian+Township+Range+Section
35	nolc ²	4	4	Integer	-	Number of Open Lode Claims ²
39	nopc	4	4	Integer	-	Number of Open Placer Claims
43	nomc	4	4	Integer	-	Number of Open Mill site Claims
47	notc	4	4	Integer	-	Number of Open Tunnel Claims
51	toc	4	4	Integer	-	Total number of Open Claims
55	nclc	4	4	Integer	-	Number of Closed Lode Claims
59	ncpc	4	4	Integer	-	Number of Closed Placer Claims
63	ncmc	4	4	Integer	-	Number of Closed Mill site Claims
67	nctc	4	4	Integer	-	Number of Closed Tunnel Claims
71	tcc	4	4	Integer	-	Total number of Closed Claims
75	tc	4	4	Integer	-	Total number of Claims of all kinds

¹ For example, '26 30.0N 29.2E05' is Meridian 26 (Salt Lake), Township 30 North, Range 29 ½ East, Section 5
Another meridian is the Uintah Meridian (30).

² in a section of the PLS

REFERENCES

Campbell, Harry W., 1996, Procedure from making a mining claim density map from BLM claim recordation digital data: U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 96-736, 13 p.

Hyndman, Paul C. and Harry W. Campbell, 1999, Digital databases containing mining claim density information for Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming created from the BLM Mining Claim Recordation System: 1996: U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 99-325, 21 p.

OBTAINING DIGITAL DATA

The digital mining claim density map of Utah, ut_clms2, is provided with this report in Arc/Info EXPORT format as ut_clms2.e00. The mining claim density database, ut_clms.clms, and the relate file, ut_clms2.rel, are contained in the export file. A metadata file, ut_clms2.met, occurs separately. These files and this report are available from the USGS public access FTP site and the World Wide Web site on the Internet. Table 4 lists the files and their sizes.

Table 4. Files available with this Open-File Report

FILE NAME	FILE TYPE	SIZE IN KILOBYTES
of99-407.pdf	PDF file	454
ut_clms2.e00	Arc/Info export	17,266
ut_clms2.met	Metadata	30

By Anonymous FTP

Do the following steps to obtain the files for OF99-407 by anonymous ftp. Windows users may need to start FTP in the MSDOS window.

STEP (type the words between the quotes)	REASON
cd to your_local_directory	Go to a directory to receive the WinZip file – you may need to make a directory first
'ftp wrgis.wr.usgs.gov'	Make ftp connection with the USGS computer, WRGIS
Name: 'anonymous'	Use 'anonymous' as your user name
Password: <i>your email address</i>	Use your email address as a password (you@email_address)
'cd pub/open-file'	Go down to the pub/open-file directory
'cd of99-407'	Go down to the specific open file directory
'binary'	Type the word 'binary' to change the transfer type to binary mode
'get of99-407.exe'	Copy the self-extracting file across the Internet to the receiving directory on your computer
'bye'	Close the ftp connection

Extracting the files from the of99-407.exe self-extracting file is accomplished by typing the name of the file, 'of99-407', and pressing the 'Enter' key. The files will unload automatically.

By the World Wide Web

The files for this report can be obtained over the Internet at URL <http://wrgis.wr.usgs.gov/open-file/>. Do the following steps to obtain the files for OF99-407 by the World Wide Web:

STEP	REASON
Attach to the internet with your web browser Type 'http://wrgis.wr.usgs.gov/open-file/'	This connects you to the internet. Make sure the internet address looks like this to connect with the USGS computer, WRGIS
Find the report in the listing and click on of99-407	This opens a page with instructions and information for downloading the report
Follow the instructions for downloading the data and this report	You should receive the report to your computer

METADATA

Following are 1) an Arc/Info description of the digital map, ut_clms2, 2) a description of the relate file, and 3) the formal metadata for the digital map and associated files.

Description of SINGLE precision coverage ut_clms2

FEATURE CLASSES					
Feature Class	Subclass	Number of Features	Attribute data (bytes)	Spatial Index?	Topology?
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
ARCS		50811			
POLYGONS		19364	34		Yes
NODES		32382			

SECONDARY FEATURES

Tics	4
Arc Segments	51724
Polygon Labels	18591

TOLERANCES

Fuzzy = 55.938 V

Dangle = 0.000 N

COVERAGE BOUNDARY

Xmin = -270089.500
Ymin = -4403224.000

Xmax = 172232.672
Ymax = 4957459.000

STATUS

The coverage has not been Edited since the last BUILD or CLEAN

COORDINATE SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

Projection	LAMBERT
Datum	NAD27
Units	METERS
Spheroid	CLARKE1866
Parameters:	
1 ST Standard Parallel	33 0 0.00
2 nd Standard Parallel	45 0 0.00
Longitude of central meridian	-111 0 0.00
Latitude of projection's origin	0 0 0.00
False easting (meters)	0.00000
False northing (meters)	0.00000

Description of Arc/Info ut_clms2.relate structure

Relation = UT_CLMS2
Table-Id = ut_clms2.clms
Database = info
Item = MTRS
Column = mtrs
Type = ORDERED
Access = RO

Formal metadata for the mine claim density map and associated files

The following metadata describes the mining claim density map:

Identification_Information:

Citation:

Citation_Information:

Originator: Paul C. Hyndman
Originator: Harry W. Campbell
Publication_Date: 1999

Title:

Digital mining claim density map for Federal lands in Utah: 1996
Edition: Version 1.0
Geospatial_Data_Presentation_Form: map and database

Description:

Abstract:

The mining claim density data of federal lands in Utah are combined with the digital Utah Public Land Survey (PLS) to create a digital map of the density of mine claims in Open-File Report 99-407.

The mining claim density data of federal lands in Utah was one of 13 western states released in Open-File Report 99-325. The database for Utah was converted to an Arc/Info file and connected with the PLS by an Arc/Info relate.

As stated in OF 99-325, "The database was created from data obtained in March, 1997, from the Mining Claim Recordation System of the Bureau of Land Management. The data was analyzed, manipulated, and summarized into a database providing mining claim density information. The database quantifies the status of mining claim activity for federal land in the State of Utah for 1996 and includes information on past mining claim activity on federal land since 1976. It contains information identifying 1) the general location of mining claims within the Public Land Survey (PLS) system, 2) the number and type of claims (lode, placer, mill site, tunnel site) and 3) the status of the claims in 1976 (open is held, closed is no longer held by a claimant). Other terms used by BLM for closed claims are "Abandoned and Void" and "Void by Operation of the Law". According to BLM, new terminology for "Open" will be "Recorded" and for "Closed" will be "Terminated and Closed".

Combining the database with a digital PLS coverage of Utah enables a user to spatially display the mine claim data as a digital map and compare it with other spatial themes.

Purpose:

The digital map was developed to document mining claim activity on federal lands in Utah and to investigate interrelationships of mining claim activity with physical and social science concerns.

This digital map is not to be considered as a legal representation of survey lines and corners or of mining claim boundaries.

Supplemental_Information: This data is in Arc/Info 7.1 format

Data_Set_Part:

Part_Type: Arc/Info export file
Part_Name: ut_clms2.e00

Part_Description: This Arc/Info export file contains the coverage ut_clms2, the database ut_clms2.clms, and the relate ut_clms2.relate.

This digital map contains only those parts of the Utah PLS which contain mine claim density data. The original PLS of Utah was acquired from the U.S. Bureau of Mines when it was closed by Congress in 1996. The Bureau of Mines purchased the PLS of Utah from a private company. The data is proprietary and cannot be released in its complete form.

Data_Set_Part:

Part_Type: Arc/Info database

Part_Name: ut_clms2.clms

Part_Description: This database contains mine claim density information for federal lands in the state, from 1976 through 1996. It is one of several state databases from OF 99-325.

Data_Set_Part:

Part_Type: Arc/Info relate

Part_Name: ut_clms2.rel

Part_Description: This file contains the parameters needed to relate the database, ut_clms2.clms to the digital map database, ut_clms2.pat. The structure of the relate is:

RELATION	= UT_CLMS2
TABLE-ID	= ut_clms2.clms
DATABASE	= info
ITEM	= MTRS
COLUMN	= mtrs
TYPE	= ORDERED
ACCESS	= RO

Time_Period_of_Content:

Time_Period_Information:

Range_of_Dates/Times:

Beginning_Date: 1976

Ending_Date: 1997

Currentness_Reference: Release date of data by the Bureau of Land Management in March, 1997

Status:

Progress: Complete

Maintenance_and_Update_Frequency: None planned

Spatial_Domain:

Bounding_Coordinates:

West_Bounding_Coordinate: -114 00 00

East_Bounding_Coordinate: -109 00 00

North_Bounding_Coordinate: 42 00 00

South_Bounding_Coordinate: 37 00 00

Keywords:

Theme:

Theme_Keyword_Thesaurus: None

Theme_Keyword: mining claim density

Theme_Keyword: lode

Theme_Keyword: placer

Theme_Keyword: mill site

Theme_Keyword: tunnel site

Theme_Keyword: mine claim

Place:

Place_Keyword_Thesaurus: None

Place_Keyword: Utah

Access_Constraints: None

Use_Constraints:

Users should contact the BLM for current data. The U.S. Geological Survey makes no warranties related to the accuracy of the data and users are required to determine suitability of use for any particular purpose. This digital map is not meant to be construed as a legal representation of mining claim boundaries. The PLS data is assumed to be from 1:100,000 scale base maps. The map should not be used at scales larger than 1:100,000.

The user must obtain current information on mining claims from the Utah State Office of the Bureau of Land Management for the area of interest since the mining claim density data is not current. The information in the database does not provide the legal location or status of individual mining claims.

Any hardcopies utilizing this data set shall clearly indicate their source. If the user has modified the data in any way they are

obligated to describe the types of modifications they have performed on the hardcopy map. User specifically agrees not to misrepresent this data set, nor to imply that changes they made were approved by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Point_of_Contact:

Contact_Information:

Contact_Person_Primary:

Contact_Person: Paul Hyndman

Contact_Organization: U.S. Geological Survey

Contact_Position: Geologist

Contact_Address:

Address_Type: mailing and physical address

Address: 904 W. Riverside Ave., Rm. 202

City: Spokane

State_or_Province: Washington

Postal_Code: 99201

Country: U.S.A.

Contact_Voice_Telephone: 509-368-3100 or 509-368-3118

Contact_Facsimile_Telephone: 509-368-3199

Contact_Electronic_Mail_Address: phyndman@usgs.gov

Contact_Instructions: General office phone is 509-368-3100

Data_Set_Credit:

Cheryl Laudenbach, Denver Service Center, BLM, provided the original mining claim data from the Mining Claim Recordation Database. The data was used to create the mining claim density databases in OF 99-325.

Native_Data_Set_Environment: Solaris 2.5.1, Sun Ultra 1, Arc/Info 7.1.2

Data_Quality_Information:

Attribute_Accuracy:

Attribute_Accuracy_Report:

OF 99-325 reports that the attributes of the mining claim data from BLM data, claims per section, do not represent the exact number of claims in each section. Some claims overlap into adjoining sections and/or townships. In order to count each claim only once, it was necessary to choose one section for each claim to be identified with. Therefore, the first section listed in the BLM database for a particular claim was chosen as the section the claim was counted in.

The accuracy was tested by summing each category of claim in the mining claim database and comparing the sum to those from the original BLM database. The sums for each category matched.

No attempt was made to determine the accuracy of BLM's database.

Completeness_Report:

None of the data from BLM was omitted. The data is considered complete for the purpose of determining mining claim density in this State.

Logical_Consistency_Report:

The data set is a derived subset of the original BLM data. No modifications to the BLM data were made.

Positional_Accuracy:

Horizontal_Positional_Accuracy:

Horizontal_Positional_Accuracy_Report:

A claim may be within a section or it may straddle two, three, or four sections. In order to count each claim only once, it was necessary to choose one section for each claim to be identified with. Therefore, the first section listed in the BLM database for a particular claim was chosen as the section the claim was counted in.

Lineage:

Source_Information:

Source_Citation:

Citation_Information:

Originator:

U.S. Geological Survey

Publication_Date: 1999

Title: Digital databases containing mining claim density information for Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming created from the BLM Mining Claim Recordation System: 1996

Edition: 1

Geospatial_Data_Presentation_Form: tabular database

Series_Information:

Series_Name: Open-File Report
 Issue_Identification: OF 99-325
 Publication_Information:
 Publication_Place: Denver, Colorado
 Publisher: U.S. Geological Survey
 Other_Citation_Details:
 Original data from the Bureau of Land Management Mine Claim
 Recordation Database (MCRD)
 Online_Linkage: URL = <http://wrgis.wr.usgs.gov/open-file/of99-325>
 Type_of_Source_Media: digital file
 Source_Time_Period_of_Content:
 Time_Period_Information:
 Range_of_Dates/Times:
 Beginning_Date: 1976
 Ending_Date: 199703
 Source_Currentness_Reference:
 The data were copied from BLM's MCRD database on March, 1997.
 The data are cumulative from 1976, when the database was created.
 Source_Citation_Abbreviation: USGS OF99-325
 Source_Contribution:
 This database contributed the mine claim density information
 needed to create a spatial mine claim density map.

Process_Step:
 Process_Description:
 The mine claim density database of Utah was released as part of the
 U.S. Geological Open-File Report, OF 99-325. It was imported as an
 Arc/Info table, ut_clms2.clms, using the command, dbaseinfo. A relate,
 ut_clms2.rel, was made to connect the database to the PLS of Utah.
 This report can be found at URL = <http://wrgis.wr.usgs.gov/open-file/>
 Process_Date: 1997-1998

Data_Quality_Information:
 Completeness_Report:
 The digital PLS of Utah is assumed to be complete.
 Logical_Consistency_Report:
 The PLS in this report is a derived subset of the original PLS. Only those
 sections containing mine claim density data are included in this report.
 Positional_Accuracy:
 Horizontal_Positional_Accuracy:
 Horizontal_Positional_Accuracy_Report:
 No attempt wa made to check the positional accuracy of the digital PLS.
 The PLS is assumed to have come from 1:100,000 scale sources.

Lineage:
 Source_Information:
 Source_Citation:
 Citation_Information:
 Originator:
 Uncertain. Digital PLS of Utah obtained from the U.S. Bureau
 of Mines at its closure in 1996. The data may have been
 purchased from Petroleum Information, Inc. in 1988. The digital
 PLS is considered copyrighted and cannot be released in a form that
 would enable someone to reconstruct the PLS. Portions can be
 released in paper or digital form.
 Publication_Date:
 Title: none
 Geospatial_Data_Presentation_Form: map
 Type_of_Source_Media: digital file
 Source_Time_Period_of_Content:
 Time_Period_Information:
 Single_Date/Time:
 Calendar_Date: 1988
 Source_Currentness_Reference:
 The PLS may not be current with regard to section lines and corners.
 Source_Citation_Abbreviation: none
 Source_Contribution:
 The U.S. Bureau of Mines contributed the digital PLS of Utah. It did
 not include metadata or other documentation.

Process_Step:
 Process_Description:
 The Utah PLS contained a field, mtrs, to which the mine claim density
 database could be attached. The data was attached through the use of
 a relate, ut_clms2.rel.

Process_Date: 1997
 Spatial_Data_Organization_Information:
 Indirect_Spatial_Reference:
 Direct_Spatial_Reference_Method:
 Point_and_Vector_Object_Information:
 SDTS_Terms_Description:
 SDTS_Point_and_Vector_object_Type: Point
 Point_and_Vector_Object_Count: 32382
 SDTS_Point_and_Vector_object_Type: String
 Point_and_Vector_Object_Count: 50811
 SDTS_Point_and_Vector_object_Type: GT-polygon composed of chains
 Point_and_Vector_Object_Count: 19364
 Spatial_Reference_Information:
 Horizontal_Coordinate_System_Definition:
 Geodetic_Model:
 Horizontal_Datum_Name: North American Datum of 1927
 Ellipsoid_Name: Clarke 1866
 Planar:
 Map_Projection:
 Lambert_Conformal_Conic:
 Standard_Parallel: 33 0 0
 Standard_Parallel: 45 0 0
 Longitude_of_Central_Meridian: -111 0 0
 Latitude_of_Projection_Origin: 0 0 0
 False_Easting: 0.0
 False_Northing: 0.0
 Entity_and_Attribute_Information:
 Detailed_Description:
 Entity_Type:
 Entity_Type_Label: ut_clms.clms
 Entity_Type_Definition:
 Summary of values for number and type of mining claims in each section from OF99-325. The data is tied to an MTRS code which represents the Meridian + Township + Range + Section. This code provides a unique identifier for each Section of the PLS.
 Entity_Type_Definition_Source:
 The Bureau of Land Management is the official source for PLS designations and surveys and for the mining claim data.
 Attribute:
 Attribute_Label: MTRS
 Attribute_Definition:
 A concatenation of Meridian, Township, Range, and Section of the PLS
 Attribute_Definition_Source: Bureau of Land Management
 Attribute_Domain_Values:
 Enumerated_Domain:
 Enumerated_Domain_Value: MMTT.TD.RRR.R.ESS__
 Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition:
 MTRS is an 18-character field which is a concatenation of meridian (M), Township (T), township direction (D), range (R), range direction (E), and section (S). The form of the field is MMTT.TD.RRR.R.ESS__. The last two spaces were included in the beginning of the study but were not utilized.
 MM = the FIPS code for meridian. FIPS stands for the Federal Information Processing Standard. The codes for the meridians are:
 26 - Salt Lake
 30 - Uintah
 TTT.T = BLM Township designation as 'TTT.T' may include a fraction of a Township. For example, Township 1 would be '_1.0'. Township 27.5 would be '_27.2'. The '.2' is a 1/2 township.
 D = BLM Township direction may be North (N) or South (S).
 RRR.R = BLM Range designation as 'RRR.R' which may include a fraction of a Range See Township (T) for example.
 E = BLM Range direction may be East (E) or West (W).

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Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: Hyndman and Campbell, 1999

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: NOLC

Attribute_Definition:

Number of Open (or recorded) Lode Claims within a section

Attribute_Definition_Source: Hyndman and Campbell, 1999

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Range_Domain:

Range_Domain_Minimum: 0

Range_Domain_Maximum: 84

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: NOPC

Attribute_Definition:

Number of Open (or recorded) Placer Claims within a section

Attribute_Definition_Source: Hyndman and Campbell, 1999

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Range_Domain:

Range_Domain_Minimum: 0

Range_Domain_Maximum: 25

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: NOMC

Attribute_Definition:

Number of Open (or recorded) Mill site Claims within a section

Attribute_Definition_Source: Hyndman and Campbell, 1999

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Range_Domain:

Range_Domain_Minimum: 0

Range_Domain_Maximum: 121

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: NOTC

Attribute_Definition:

Number of Open (or recorded) Tunnel site Claims within a section

Attribute_Definition_Source: Hyndman and Campbell, 1999

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Range_Domain:

Range_Domain_Minimum: 0

Range_Domain_Maximum: 1

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: TOC

Attribute_Definition:

Total number of Open (or recorded) Claims of all types within a section

Attribute_Definition_Source: Hyndman and Campbell, 1999

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Range_Domain:

Range_Domain_Minimum: 0

Range_Domain_Maximum: 121

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: NCLC

Attribute_Definition:

Number of Closed (or terminated and closed) Lode Claims within a section

Attribute_Definition_Source: Hyndman and Campbell, 1999

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Range_Domain:

Range_Domain_Minimum: 0

Range_Domain_Maximum: 213

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: NCPC

Attribute_Definition:

Number of Closed (or terminated and closed) Placer Claims within a section

Attribute_Definition_Source: Hyndman and Campbell, 1999

Attribute_Domain_Values:
 Range_Domain:
 Range_Domain_Minimum: 0
 Range_Domain_Maximum: 68
 Attribute:
 Attribute_Label: NCMC
 Attribute_Definition:
 Number of Closed (or terminated and closed)
 Mill site Claims within a section
 Attribute_Definition_Source: Hyndman and Campbell, 1999
 Attribute_Domain_Values:
 Range_Domain:
 Range_Domain_Minimum: 0
 Range_Domain_Maximum: 227
 Attribute:
 Attribute_Label: NCTC
 Attribute_Definition:
 Number of Closed (or terminated and closed)
 Tunnel site Claims within a section
 Attribute_Definition_Source: Hyndman and Campbell, 1999
 Attribute_Domain_Values:
 Range_Domain:
 Range_Domain_Minimum: 0
 Range_Domain_Maximum: 6
 Attribute:
 Attribute_Label: TCC
 Attribute_Definition:
 Total number of Closed (or terminated and closed)
 Claims of all types within a section
 Attribute_Definition_Source: Hyndman and Campbell, 1999
 Attribute_Domain_Values:
 Range_Domain:
 Range_Domain_Minimum: 0
 Range_Domain_Maximum: 293
 Attribute:
 Attribute_Label: TC
 Attribute_Definition:
 Total number of all Claims of all types
 within a section
 Attribute_Definition_Source: Hyndman and Campbell, 1999
 Attribute_Domain_Values:
 Range_Domain:
 Range_Domain_Minimum: 1
 Range_Domain_Maximum: 293
 Detailed_Description:
 Entity_Type:
 Entity_Type_Label: ut_clms2.pat
 Entity_Type_Definition:
 Summary of values for number and type of mining claims in each section
 from OF99-325. The data is tied to an MTRS code which represents the
 Meridian + Township + Range + Section. This code provides a unique
 identifier for each Section of the PLS.
 Entity_Type_Definition_Source:
 The Bureau of Land Management is the official
 source for PLS designations and surveys and for
 the mining claim data.
 Attribute:
 Attribute_Label: area
 Attribute_Definition:
 The area of each polygon in the coverage
 Attribute_Definition_Source: Arc/Info
 Attribute_Domain_Values:
 Range_Domain:
 Range_Domain_Minimum: not determined
 Range_Domain_Maximum: not determined
 Attribute:
 Attribute_Label: perimeter
 Attribute_Definition:
 Length of perimeter of each polygon in the coverage
 Attribute_Definition_Source: Arc/Info
 Attribute_Domain_Values:

Range_Domain:
 Range_Domain_Minimum: not determined
 Range_Domain_Maximum: not determined

Attribute:
 Attribute_Label: ut_clms2#
 Attribute_Definition:
 Internal polygon tracking number
 Attribute_Definition_Source: Arc/Info
 Attribute_Domain_Values:
 Range_Domain:
 Range_Domain_Minimum: not determined
 Range_Domain_Maximum: not determined

Attribute:
 Attribute_Label: ut_clms2-id
 Attribute_Definition:
 Polygon tracking number which can be modified by user
 Attribute_Definition_Source: Arc/Info
 Attribute_Domain_Values:
 Range_Domain:
 Range_Domain_Minimum: not determined
 Range_Domain_Maximum: not determined

Attribute:
 Attribute_Label: MTRS
 Attribute_Definition:
 A concatenation of Meridian, Township, Range, and
 Section of the PLS
 Attribute_Definition_Source: Bureau of Land Management
 Attribute_Domain_Values:
 Enumerated_Domain:
 Enumerated_Domain_Value: MMTT.TDRRR.RESS__
 Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition:
 MTRS is an 18-character field which is a concatenation
 of meridian (M), Township (T), township direction (D),
 range (R), range direction (E), and section (S). The form
 of the field is MMTT.TDRRR.RESS__. The last two spaces
 were included in the beginning of the study but were not utilized.

 MM = the FIPS code for meridian. FIPS stands for the Federal
 Information Processing Standard. The codes for the meridians are:

 26 - Salt Lake
 30 - Uintah

 TTT.T = BLM Township designation as 'TTT.T' may include a fraction
 of a Township. For example, Township 1 would be '__1.0'.
 Township 27.5 would be '_27.2'. The '.2' is a 1/2 township.

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