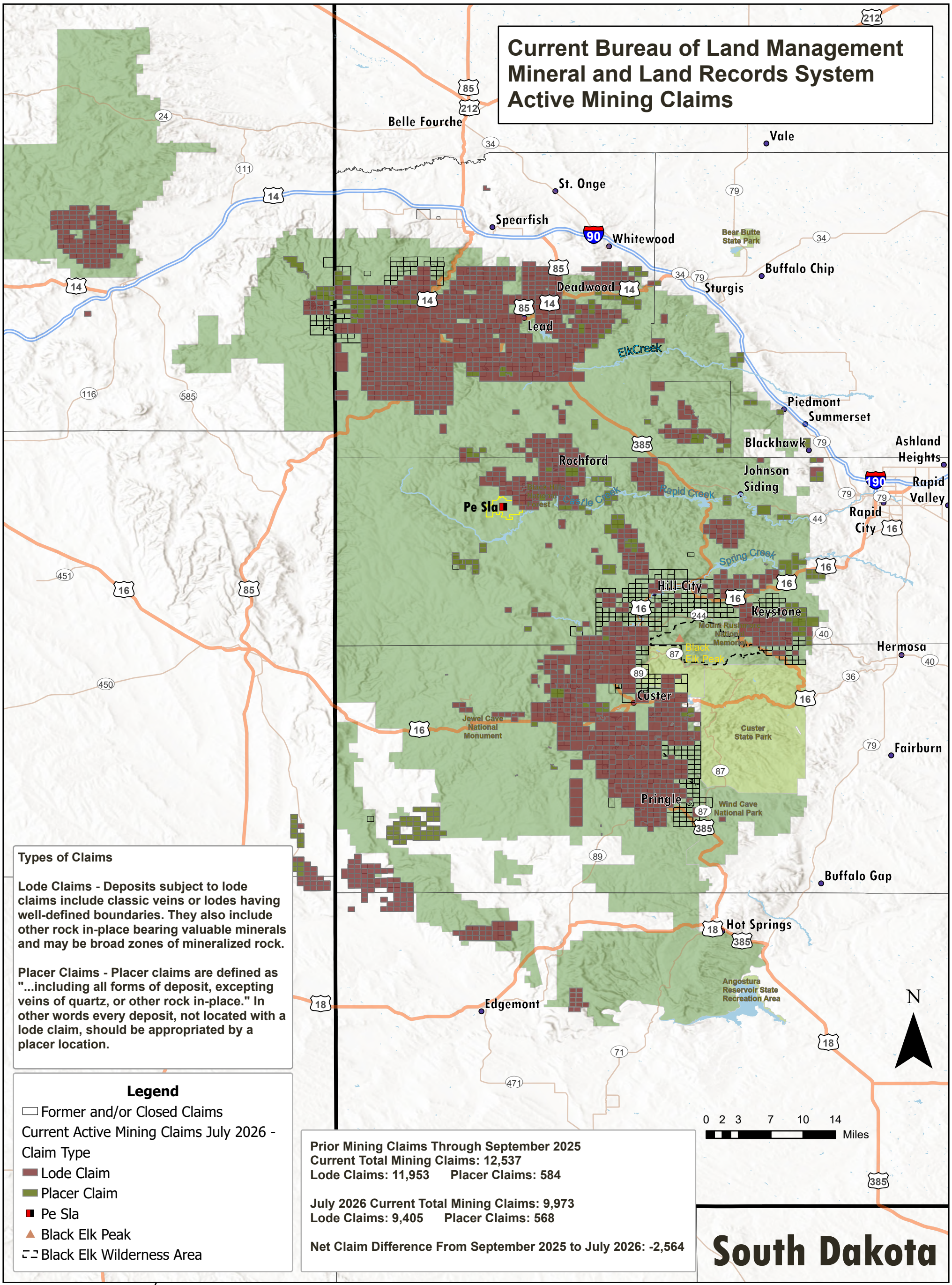
Current Bureau of Land Management Mineral and Land Records System Active Mining Claims



Types of Claims

Lode Claims - Deposits subject to lode claims include classic veins or lodes having well-defined boundaries. They also include other rock in-place bearing valuable minerals and may be broad zones of mineralized rock.

Placer Claims - Placer claims are defined as "...including all forms of deposit, excepting veins of quartz, or other rock in-place." In other words every deposit, not located with a lode claim, should be appropriated by a placer location.

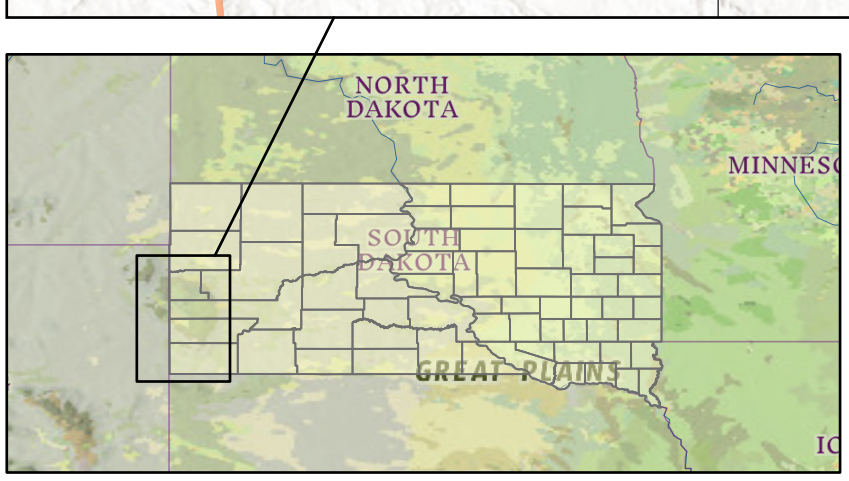
Legend

- Former and/or Closed Claims
- Current Active Mining Claims July 2026 - Claim Type
- Lode Claim
- Placer Claim
- Pe Sla
- Black Elk Peak
- Black Elk Wilderness Area

Prior Mining Claims Through September 2025
Current Total Mining Claims: 12,537
Lode Claims: 11,953 Placer Claims: 584

July 2026 Current Total Mining Claims: 9,973
Lode Claims: 9,405 Placer Claims: 568

Net Claim Difference From September 2025 to July 2026: -2,564



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