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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

APR 22 1926

My dear Mr. Hayden:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 19, 1926, in which you quote one from Mr. Alf. Dickinson, of Flagstaff, Arizona, with regard to filing mineral locations on the Navajo Indian Reservation.

Unallotted lands on the above Indian reservation are open to prospecting subject to location and lease in accordance with section 26 of the act of June 30, 1919 (41 Stat.L.31), amended March 3, 1921 (41 Stat.1231), and the regulations prescribed thereunder. A copy of the regulations together with a list of lands open to lease is enclosed for your information.

Under the above act the lands are open to any citizens of the United States desirous of prospecting and locating mining claims thereon. Should valuable metalliferous minerals be found location of mining claims are to be made in the same manner as mining claims are located under the mining laws of the United States. A duplicate of the location notice should be filed with the superintendent within 60 days and an application for lease made within one year after the date of location as these are mandatory requirements of the law.

With regard to assessment and development work, attention is called to sections 6 and 7 of the lease which read in part as follows:

"There shall be expended annually in development work on or for each location the sum of not less than \$5 per acre, the total amount to be not less than \$100 for each location, which expenditures, if benefiting or developing a group of contiguous claims included in a lease, may be made upon any one or more of such claims.

"The lessee shall, immediately upon notification of the signing of this lease by the lessor, proceed to develop and work said mineral deposits, and during the entire term of this lease he shall prosecute such mining operations on said lands to the fullest practicable extent, the state of the market being considered; and his neglect



or refusal to conduct actual mining operations for a period of six months at any one time (unless exempted by the lessor) shall operate as a forfeiture of all his rights under this lease, and subject it to cancellation by an appropriate proceeding in the United States district court for the district in which the land or a part of it is situated." ----

In the event Mr. Dickinson desires further information, it is suggested that he communicate with the superintendent having jurisdiction over the land in which he is interested.

Cordially yours,

*(Signed) Chas. H. Burke*

Commissioner.

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Hon. Carl Hayden,

House of Representatives.