Determining Overlaps of Mineral Titles with a Parcel of Land

This document is a guide on how identify if a particular parcel of land with a PID (parcel identifier) overlaps with any mineral or placer titles using the Common Web Mapping (CMW) map viewers.

Mineral Titles Online (MTO) is the subsurface registry of mineral, placer and coal titles in the Province. Each tenure type is displayed separately on a different tenure type map.

If you have a know parcel of land you will need to view this on each of the maps to determine overlap with each tenure type. Tip: Use the bookmark tool to make the search easier.

MTO displays the ParcelMap BC (PMBC) parcel fabric; these layers can be found under the Private Land Layers folder on each tenure type map.

ParcelMap BC is the current, complete, and trusted mapped representation of titled and Crown land parcels across British Columbia, considered to be the point of truth for the graphical representation of property boundaries.

- Parcel Map BC web application
- Description of Owner Types in PMBC

Step-by-step Instructions

1. Open the CWM map of choice. In the example below, the Mineral Map was selected.

2. Use the Search by Feature tool to locate the PID

> **Parcel Identifier (PID)**
> 9-digits – used for Private Parcels
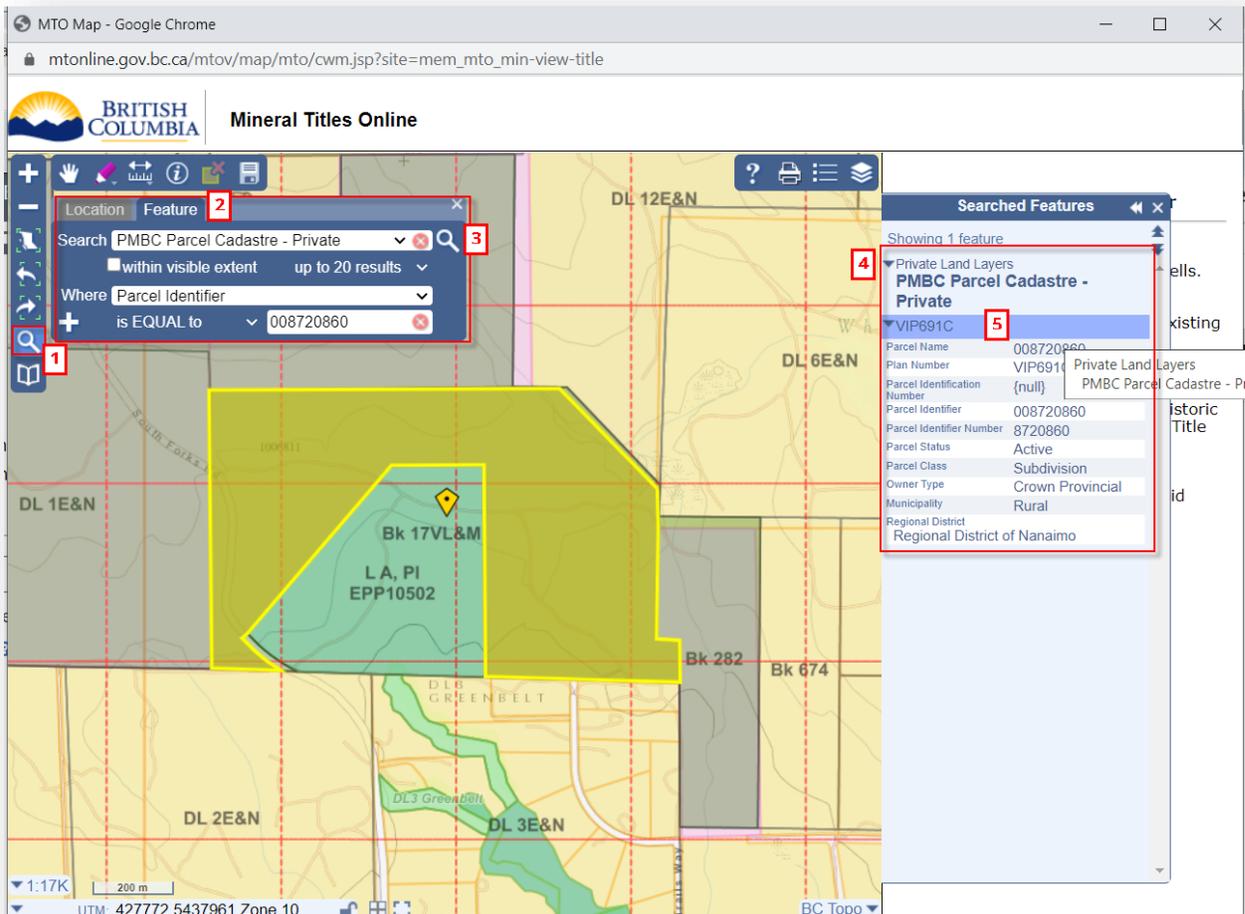>
> **Parcel Identifier Number (PID)**
> Same number as the PID without leading zeros
>
> **Parcel Identification Number (PIN)**
> Used for Crown Parcels in the Crown Land Registry (TANTALIS Gator). Also known as PIN/SID

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Example: Parcel Identifier 008720860 (notice the leading zeros), is a subdivided lot in the Regional District of Nanaimo.
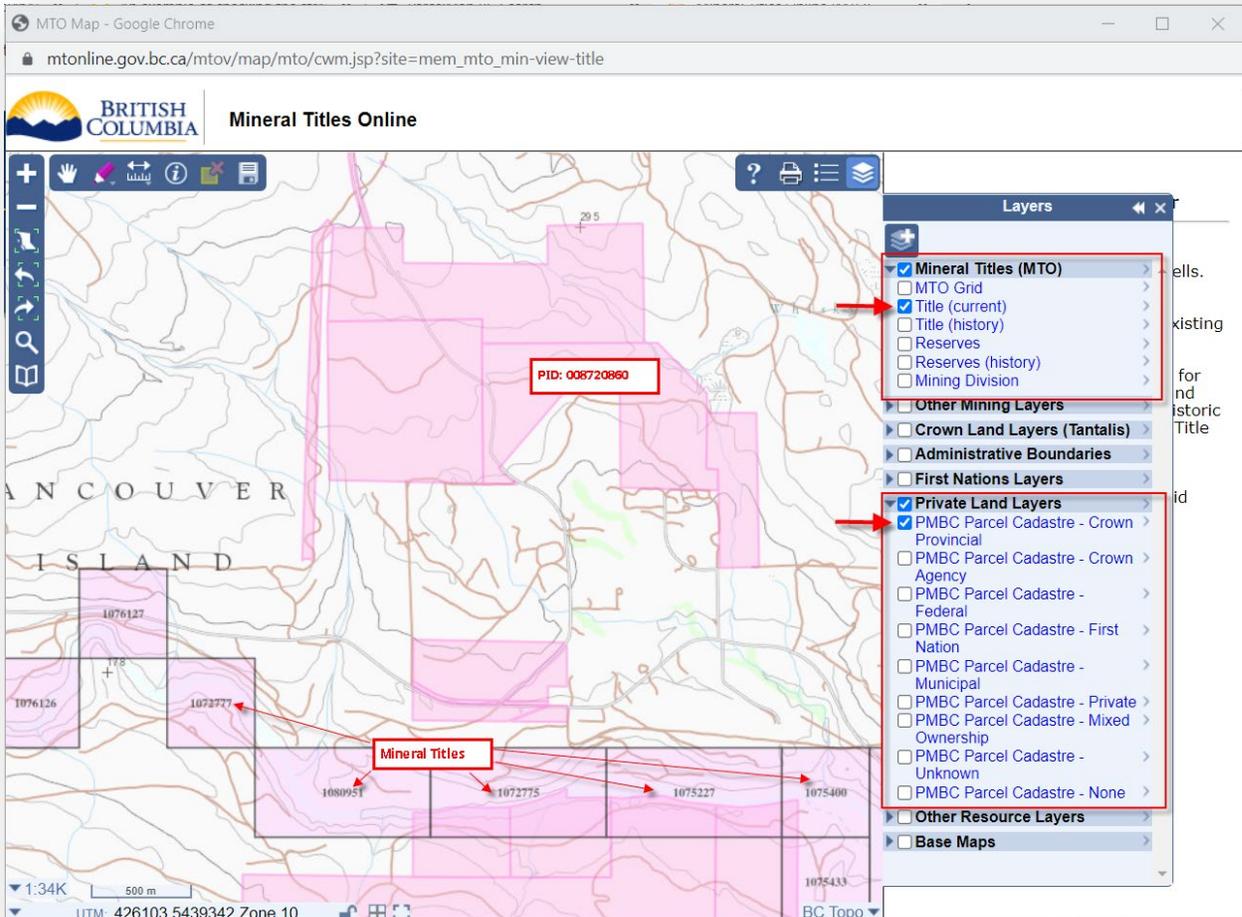
1. Click on the Search Tool
2. Click the Feature Tab and enter the search criteria
3. Click the search button
4. Features identified will display on the right-hand side of the screen
5. Click the light blue heading to zoom to the feature

3. Look to see if there are any mineral/placer/coal interests in the area.
   - Zoom out
   - Review the layers list - Make it easy to view the information by turning on/off the appropriate layers.

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In this example, all folders had their layers turned off except Mineral Titles (MTO) and Private Land Layers.

- Within the Mineral Titles (MTO) layer only Title (current) is turned on.
- Within the Private Land Layers only the PMBC Parcel Cadastre- Crown Provincial layer is turned on. [Note: this was identified as Crown Type: Crown Provincial in the previous step]

Notice the location of existing mineral claims in relation to the selected parcel. Tip: Use the identify tool to find out more information about the mineral titles.

4. Repeat the steps above on the other tenure type map viewers.

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