Women’s Mining Coalition

2014 Fly-In Summary
The Hill

- 3 ½ days
- 51 women
- 234 meetings with Representatives, Senators, and staff
- 76 information packets dropped off at other offices
  - (some with impromptu meetings)
- 310 total office visits
The Regulatory Agencies

**EPA** – Ellen Gilinsky, Senior Policy Advisor; Scott Wilson, wastewater permitting for coal, gas, electric generation; Steve Liverborne, general counsel; Dave Evans; Greg Peckham, attorney; Marcus Oberstein, 402 permits; Andrew Sawyers, office of wastewater

**U.S. Forest Service** – Tim DeCoste, Chief of Staff for Chief Tom Tidwell, & Cal Joyner, Asst. Deputy Director

**Office of Surface Mining** – Glenda Owens, Deputy Director and Michele Altemus, Chief of Staff

**BLM** – Karen Mouritsen, deputy to Mike Nedd, Assistant Director for Minerals and Realty Management

**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service** – Dan Ashe, Director, and Gary Frazer, Asst. Director for Ecological Services
The Issues

**Hardrock Issues**
- Financial Assurance
- Efficient Permitting
- Sage Grouse
- Critical & Strategic Minerals
- Minerals Reliance
- Dirt Tax

**Coal Issues**
- EPA Overreach
- Section 404 Permits
- Waters of the US Redefinition
- Redefining Fill Material
- Stream Buffer Zone Rule
The 13 issue papers WMC presented at each meeting are being used as reference material by the congressional offices.

We offer our knowledge and resources for providing accurate mining information. An example is the American Coal Ash Association connecting directly with Senator McCain’s staffer (at WMC’s request), answering a question he posed during a meeting with WMC. Another example is WMC forwarding a question from Senator Reid’s staff to the Nevada Mining Association, and receiving a prompt accurate answer, which we then provided to Senator Reid’s staff.
The Group