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Webinar Instructions
Betsy Monseu, American Coal Council

Roll Call of BOD, EC, AC
Alexandrea Palensky, WMC Secretary

Safety Share
Julie Lucas, WMC Advisory Committee
Pre-Use Inspection

- Different makes, models and years can vary greatly in instrument panel and dashboard set-up.
- Slow down and take the time to familiarize yourself with lights, windshield wipers and other controls before you need them.
- Be able to respond quickly and safely if rain, fog, snow or other conditions arise that affect your driving conditions.
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Nicole Preuss, WMC President

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Membership Update
Lynne Volpi, WMC Coordinator

2015
Individual Members 157
Corporate Sponsors/Members 28
Affiliate Members 3

2016
Individual Members 165 (+5%)
Corporate Sponsors/Members 28
Affiliate Members 3

Hardrock 58%
Coal 16%
Other 19%
Service, Manufacturing 4%
Energy, Utility 3%

Hardrock 49%
Coal 14%
Other 21%
Service/Manufacturing 14%
Energy, Utility 2%

26% of members added a donation to their dues payment for a total additional amount of over $2,770.00! Thank you!
WMC Website: www.wmc-usa.org

Lynne Volpi

Betty Gibbs, Webmaster
2016 WMC Fly-In Summary with photos
Membership directory for paid members only
Action items and issues
Job opening postings
Conferences attended by WMC
WMC Logo wear store
Join or renew, using Paypal
Corporate sponsorships, memberships, using Paypal
Social Media
Becky Oliver, WMC Member

- 83 members on Facebook
  - Up 15%
- 743 connections on LinkedIn
  - Up 30%
- Members’ photos from events generate the most feedback
- Majority of posts from NMA
  - Additional sources?
  - Member contributions?
2016 Fly-In Summary

Ruth Carraher, WMC Founder & BOD Member
Deanna Hall, WMC Member
2016 Fly-In Participants
# 2016 Fly-In Statistics

Ruth Carraher, WMC Founder & BOD Member

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Senator Murkowski’s Energy Bill Voted on and Passed During Fly-In!
Extracurricular Activities

- Casual Meet and Greet – Sunday evening
- Participant Reception – Monday evening
- Filomena Restaurant dinner – Tuesday evening
- Various entertainment opportunities – Wednesday evening
Past receptions off the Hill and on the Hill
How about a noon issues briefing instead of a reception?
Targeted the Western Caucus members and their staff on both the Senate and House sides of the Hill.
Reserved a room in Rayburn House Building with the help of Congresswoman Lummis’ staff. Offered pizza and sodas.
Briefing PowerPoint:
  Ann Carpenter presented hardrock issues
  Betsy Monseu presented coal issues
Fairly well attended by staff & few Congressmen; hope for better attendance in 2017. Staff communicated their appreciation for issues update.
New Participant Perspective:
How to Prepare
Deanna Hall, WMC Member

Homework
- Understand the basics of the US Government
- Research candidates from your state
- Review Mining fact sheets provided by WMC
- Study Issue Papers / Look for Themes
  - How do these issues relate to your company?
  - How are these issues all related to the overall well-being of the mining industry?

Logistics
- Familiarize yourself with the DC public transportation system or partner up with someone who knows it
- Review the Congressional directory (provided by the National Mining Association) each day to familiarize yourself with the potential standing of the Senator/Congressman
- Use the map in the back of the Congressional directory to plan your route between meetings
- Check the weather and traffic reports and plan accordingly
- Bring business cards (approximately 50)
Be on time or a little early if possible. Most of the staffers you meet with have packed schedules, and appreciate the timeliness.

Plan your route for the next meeting, write the location of the meeting on the note paper.

Pick the focus issues (2-3) and construct a narrative. Ex: Overregulation and slow moving/inefficient permitting is impeding the mining industry, driving jobs overseas, and hurting the US economy.

Once your team has a narrative figure out what personal stories you can add to support the narrative.

Ask the staff if they are familiar with a particular issue before beginning your narrative. This can save you a lot of time, and allow you to cover the issues that they may not already be familiar about.

Allow the staff to speak, or ask if they have questions before moving on to the next issue.

Note takers: listen for the LA’s stand on each issue and record
New Participant Perspective: What to Do in Hill Meetings?
Deanna Hall, WMC Member

- Don’t be nervous. You’re the expert offering insight to members of Congress and their staff on the impact of their actions on the industry. If you don’t know something, write down the ask and make sure to follow up.

- Relate to the views of the representative from that state. (see Congressional directory)

- Tie things back to the narrative throughout the meeting:
  - Add detail/specifcics as requested
  - Share personal stories that are relevant to the topic

- Leave the office with a few specific asks for the Member and their staff. Offer to be a resource moving forward. If they want the help, record what specific topic and who to follow up with. Ask if the staffer would prefer the issue papers in digital format.

- Note Taker(s) if there is an opportunity to share a specific experience from a meeting (positive or negative) indicate on note sheet

- Turn notes in. Try to be as detailed as possible, if not you will be hearing from Lynne.
New Participant Perspective:  
**Good Note-Taking**  
Deanna Hall, WMC Member

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<td>EPA's Carbon Regulations for the Power Sector</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Does not support EPA, so he doesn't support Franks's support of CFP</td>
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<td>Strategic &amp; Critical Minerals</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Familiar with issues and interested in national security, mentioned 30-year ban on uranium</td>
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<td>CERCLA 108(d) Financial Assurance Rulemaking</td>
<td>No</td>
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General impression how meeting went: He seemed to agree or disagree in general with most of WMC positions.
Highs
- Introduction to WMC members with photo, contact, brief bio included
- Review of issue papers in prep meeting
- Number of meetings and presence on the Hill
  - Good tempo and balance of meetings per member
- Diversity of participants & team members from day-to-day
- Timely issues and good intelligence on bills being introduced
- Hitting a good rhythm with teams
- Visuals and handouts were updated and useful

Opportunities
- Some representatives move offices/buildings and the updates do not get circulated
- Printed narrative for opening line and responses to hostile meetings
Why contact Government Agencies?

- Reach a new audience
- Increase awareness in the agencies about the effects of regulations on our industry
- Put a face on the WMC name
- Give WMC a contact in each agency
- Offer WMC as an information resource
- Fourth year in a row that WMC has met with agencies
2016 Regulatory Agency Meetings
Department of the Interior (DOI)
Cathy Suda, WMC past president & AC member

DOI Attendees
Assistant Secretary Janice Schneider,
Deputy Director, Programs & Policy Linda Lance,
Deputy Assistant Secretary Brandi Colander,
BLM Analyst-Liaison June Shoemaker
Advisor Lauren Bogard

WMC Attendees
Cathy Suda
Elizabeth Zbinden
Ruth Carraher
Meeting with DOI
Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals

Discussion Topics
Land Withdrawals
Sage Grouse
Planning 2.0
Coal Leasing Moratorium

General Perceptions of BLM
2016 Regulatory Agency Meetings
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Ann Carpenter, past president & WMC AC Member

USFWS Attendees
Gary Frazer, Assistant Director Ecological Services
James Kurth, Deputy Director.

WMC Attendees
Ann Carpenter
Elizabeth Zbinden
Catherine Clark
Sara Thorne
April 19, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Meeting

- Discussions focused on the sage grouse issue and the 10 million acre withdrawal.
- Conveyed WMC supports the No Action Alternative in the BLM’s EIS.
- Supported implementation of the states’ Sage Grouse Management Plans (e.g., Governor Sandoval’s Sage Grouse Credit Conservation System for NV, although other western states have plans specific to their state and environs).
- Discussed successful reclamation practices used in mining today, providing Coeur Rochester Mine as an example.
- Conveyed National Security concerns, via lithium discussions.
- Conveyed that we want to be a partner with USFWS, BLM, NDOW, and others on managing sage grouse and its habitat.
• USFWS seemed surprised by the referencing of reclamation successes leading to sage grouse (and other animals) habitat recovery, enhancements.

• USFWS continues to provide guidance regarding sage grouse withdrawal and other management evolutions; he did not detail this involvement.

• When asked if USFWS was working on map updates, Gary's response was evasive.

• Overall the meeting was generally evasive and non-committal, but pleasant.

• ASC and others are compiling examples of wildlife habitat restorations (coal and hard rock), improvements to share back with USFWS.

• They will not reach out to us, the industry, on this measure; it is up to us to provide to them.
2016 Regulatory Agency Meetings
U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
Kristin Dahlin, WMC Member

USFS Attendees
Glenn Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief
Nicholas Douglas, Director Minerals & Geology Mgmt.

WMC Attendees
Kristin Dahlin, Hecla Mining Company
Monique Hayes, Hecla Mining Company
USFS Meeting Summary
Kristin Dahlin, WMC Member

• Fairly high-level discussions; Monique leading the discussions regarding permitting timelines and bonding requirements; Mr. Douglas and Mr. Cassamasa responded in the meeting.

• Strategic and Critical Minerals.
  • WMC expressed concern regarding the length of time for permitting in the U.S. compared to other countries with similar environmental and safety standards as well as the increasing reliance upon foreign sources of critical minerals.
  • FS agreed there is no way to “bullet proof” against litigation and fully understands the process is flawed/inefficient.
USFS Meeting Summary
Kristin Dahlin, WMC Member

• WMC asked, since USFS knows the permitting process is flawed, how would they consider resolving some of the issues?
  • FS believes if permitting process can run in parallel with cooperating agencies it would expedite the process.
  • FS stated industry does not always complete form correctly, creating deficiencies in the application process
FS recommends a possible workshop or round table discussion (specifically USFS and BLM) to discuss issues, frustrations and potentially develop ways to improve the process

- Recommended topics include:
  - Pre-application meeting with the companies and lead agencies
  - Permitting timeline
  - Lessons learned from case study analysis
  - Identifying roles within each agency
USFS Meeting Summary
Kristin Dahlin, WMC Member

- WMC expressed concern regarding CERCLA 108(b) —
  - Proposed EPA bonding requirement is duplicative and so costly it could potentially cause the closure of existing operations and prohibit future developments further pushing exploration and development offshore.
- USFS believes there should be reclamation bonding only and agreed CERCLA 108(b) would be excessive, duplicative and overreaching. USFS will be meeting with the EPA to express their view.
Post Meeting Thoughts

- USFS in general agrees regulations could be improved and need to contain plain English that is easier to interpret and simpler to implement.
- USFS is fairly adverse to establishing prescribed deadline for permitting, with multiple agencies having involvement and responsibility for various permitting requirements as well as the resources available to agencies for completion of the work.
Fly-In: How Issues Identified and Researched
Ann Carpenter, Issues Committee Chair

- Consult
  - NMA, AEMA, ACCCE, ACC, Hill and Committee Staff, Industry Experts
  - WMC – BOD, ExCo, AC
- Research – Develop
  - WMC Issues Committee Culls Issues to 3-5
    - Prioritizing based on legislative actions, planned or pending
  - WMC White Paper Format
## Fly-In: How Targets Are Chosen

Lynne Volpi, WMC Coordinator

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Conferences
Conferences Attended
Lynne Volpi, WMC Coordinator

2015-2016 Conference Attendance

- Western Mining States Coordinating Council; August, 2015; Spokane, WA
- Alaska Miners Association; November, 2015; Anchorage, AK
- American Exploration & Mining Association (AEMA); December, 2015; Spokane, WA
- SME; February, 2016; Phoenix, AZ
- Elko Mine Expo; June, 2016; Elko, NV
- Western Mining States Coordinating Council; July, 2016; Park City, UT
- Nevada Mining Association; Women’s Mine Tour; August 15-16; NE Nevada

Thanks to all the WMC members who helped staff booths!
Nevada Mining Association; Women’s Mine Tour; August 15-16; NE Nevada
2016-2017 Planned Conference Attendance

- Nevada Mining Association; September 2016; Lake Tahoe, NV
- National Mining Association Mine Expo; September, 2016; Las Vegas, NV
- AEMA; December, 2016; Sparks, NV
- SME; February, 2017; Denver, CO
- Elko Mine Expo; June 2017; Elko, NV
## Financial Report

**Cami Prenn, WMC Treasurer**

### Women's Mining Coalition

**Statement of Account - 2014**

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2015 Loss $ - 4,571.18 $ - 16,785.37

**Updated August 15, 2016**
Financial Report
Cami Prenn, WMC Treasurer

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Updated Aug. 15, 2016
Engage in discussions with business partners, customers, and suppliers

Talk about why WMC has been good for you

Share information with them

Let them know you will be providing information on how they can help

Develop a target list and contact them in the first quarter of 2016
Fundraising Fundamentals
Barbara Coppola, WMC VP

Corporate Membership Levels:
All Corporate Membership Levels include 10 individual memberships.

- Gold $5,000
- Silver $2,500
- Copper $1,000

WMC Washington, DC Fly-In Sponsorship Contribution:
Any contribution amount is welcomed.
Fly-In Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship of WMC Fly-In Participant Reception
   Level 1 $500
   Level 2 $250
   Level 3 $100

Sponsorship of combined Senate & House Western Caucus Briefing
   Level 1 $1000
   Level 2 $500
   Level 3 $250

Sponsorship of printing and supplies
   Level 1 $500
   Level 2 $250
   Level 3 $100

Sponsorship of WMC staff expenses (pre-, during-, and post-Fly-In)
   Level 1 $1000
   Level 2 $500
   Level 3 $250
New Business
Coal Issues Update: EPA & Carbon Emissions
Betsy Monseu, WMC Advisory Committee

-EPA Clean Power Plan – to regulate CO2 emissions from existing plants
  • Supreme Court Issued *Unprecedented* Stay in Feb 2016 – first time SCOTUS granted a stay before the lower court ruled on a case
  • Full “*en banc*” DC Circuit Court of Appeals will hear the case – another unusual development, reflecting importance of the case. Oral arguments Sept 27, 2016.
  • DC Circuit decision will come after Nov elections. Virtually certain to be appealed to the Supreme Court.

-Coal Technology Advancement – Sec 45Q tax credit legislation for Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage gaining traction. Intro of HR 4622 in Feb 2016 by Rep Conaway (R-TX) and S 3179 in Jul 2016 by Sens Heitkamp (D-ND) and Whitehouse (D-RI).
- DOI OSMRE Stream Protection Rule – finalized and sent to OMB in late May. Stakeholder meetings with OMB continue.

- DOI BLM Federal Coal Program – 3 year moratorium on new federal coal leases announced Jan 2016, and program reforms on the way.
  - Coal mined on federal lands is 40% of U.S. production
  - Public scoping meetings held May/June in Casper, Grand Junction, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Knoxville, and Pittsburgh
  - Comment period on program reforms closed late July
BLM and USFS finalized the Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendments (LUPAs) in September 2015
  • Propose withdrawing 10 million acres of land from mineral activities – including highly mineralized lands
  • Establish many new and onerous land use restrictions
Numerous lawsuits challenging the LUPAs
  • Federal district courts in NV, ID, UT, WY, ND, and DC
Proposed legislation to prevent mineral withdrawals and implementation of federal Sage-Grouse plans that are inconsistent with state plans
  • NDAA – HR 4909
  • Interior Appropriations – HR 5538 and S 3068
• EPA is rushing to meet the 12/1/16 court-ordered deadline to propose a rule for hardrock mining
• States, BLM, and USFS have provided detailed information on their bonding programs
• Small Business Advocacy Panel review process to comply with SBREFA is underway
  • Selected small entity representatives have stated they need more information to assess the impact of the rule
• EPA is withholding key information on the formula to be used to calculate financial assurance
  • Preliminary examples: $75 million for a small mine/$525 million for a large mine
• House and Senate 2017 Interior appropriations bills prohibit funding for EPA’s future work on the rule
PASSED 7/5/16
H. R. 3844 Bureau of Land Management Foundation Act: Establishes a new foundation that will assist federal land management agencies, state agencies and non-profit organizations with raising funds for AML cleanup on federal and non-federal lands.

H. R. 3844 includes H.R. 3843 and H.R. 3734:
H.R. 3843 Locatable Minerals Claim Location and Maintenance Fees Act of 2015: To authorize for a 7-year period the collection of claim location and maintenance fees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3734: Mining Schools Enhancement Act: To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide support to mining schools, and for other purposes.
Critical & Strategic Minerals Update
Lynne Volpi

PASSED 4/20/16; TO CONFERENCE 5/25/16:

PASSED 10/22/15; IN CONFERENCE WITH SENATE:
H.R. 1937 National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015: To require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness.
Notification arrived during the 2016 Fly-In that WMC has been selected as the recipient of the 2016 Prazen Award from the National Mining Hall of Fame! Previous winners include NMA & Women in Mining.

The 2016 Prazen Award will be presented to the founders of WMC during the awards banquet on September 24th in Las Vegas, just prior to the NMA Mine Expo. If you plan to attend, please contact Lynne so that you can be seated with other WMC members.
WMC State Drive-Ins
Lynne Volpi, WMC Coordinator

GOALS
To organize constituents to meet with their federal Congressional delegation at local venues during the 2015 Congressional recess.

Develop another opportunity outside of the Fly-In for WMC members and supporters to tutor our legislators and offer WMC as a resource. In 2016, CERCLA 108(b) is the primary issue being discussed.

An opportunity to recruit more members for WMC.
2015 Drive-In Meetings Completed
Lynne Volpi, WMC Coordinator

Nevada Meetings:
Senator Heller’s representative, Jeremy Harrell
Congressman Amodei
Congressman Hardy

Colorado Meetings:
Senator Gardner
Senator Bennet
Congressman Polis
2016 Drive-In Meetings Completed
Lynne Volpi, WMC Coordinator

Wyoming:
  Senator Enzi
  Senator Barrasso
  Congresswoman Lummis

Nevada:
  Senator Heller
  Congressman Heck

Minnesota:
  Congressman Nolan

Louisiana:
  Senator Cassidy’s LA, Michael Eby

Washington:
  Congresswoman Herrera Beutler

Idaho:
  Senator Risch
2016 Drive-In Meetings Scheduled or Anticipated

Lynne Volpi, WMC Coordinator

Nevada:
  Congressman Amodei
  Congressman Hardy

Colorado:
  Congressmen Perlmutter
  Senator Bennet
  Senator Gardner
  Congressman Polis

Washington:
  Senator Murray

Louisiana:
  Congressman Scalise

Idaho:
  Senator Crapo

Alaska:
  Senator Murkowski
WMC conducts an election every two years. The two year term begins on January 1 and ends two years later on December 31. Unless it is suggested by a WMC member that new BOD members or Advisory Committee members be added, only officers will be elected in 2016.

A nominating committee will be appointed by the WMC BOD in September.

Nominations from the committee are due on November 1.

Election period begins on November 15 and ends on December 15. Votes will be collected via email and are confidential.
The efficient administration of WMC depends in part on timely dues payments from our loyal members. Please consider adding a donation to your $30 annual membership payment.

Be watching your email for the upcoming 2017 membership campaign, encouraging your continued support.

Join or renew, using Paypal, through the WMC website: www.wmc-usa.org!
Further Discussion & Brainstorming

WMC President, Nicole Preuss, with Congressman Hardy (NV-4) and staff at Round Mountain Mine, Nevada, May, 2015
Closing