Women’s Mining Coalition

Annual meeting August 12, 2013
Welcome

Thanks to
Betsy Monseu and Ingrid Shumate
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American Coal Council
for sponsoring and administering the webcast.
Welcome

Webinar Instructions - Betsy Monseu
Roll Call – Alexandrea Palensky
Safety Share – Nicole Preuss
Be certain the message you are sending is the one you intended to send!
Welcome

Welcome – Wanda Burget, WMC President

Directors
Maggie Lansing
Terah Burdette
Debra Struhsacker

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Nicole Preuss, Vice President
Alexandrea Palensky, Secretary
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## Bronze Level Sponsors
- Sumitomo Pogo Mine
- Debra Struhsacker
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Membership Update
Lynne Volpi, WMC Coordinator

169 individual members (+29% since 2012)
6 corporate members (+20% since 2012)

Hard Rock 50%
Coal 17%
Service, Manufacturing 27%
Energy 3%
Environmental 3%
### Financial Report

Cami Prenn, WMC Treasurer

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**2013 Profit**: $3,155.18
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Updated August 1, 2013
Website and Social Media Interfaces
Betty Gibbs, Webmaster
Alexandrea Palensky, WMC Secretary

- Website update
- 43 members on Facebook
- 289 connections on Linkedin
- Monthly updates
2013 Fly-In Summary

Terah Burdette, Arch Coal
Elizabeth Hollowed, Peabody Energy
2013 Fly-In Participants
2013 Fly-In Summary

- A total of 48 participants from 17 states
- 222 meetings conducted in 3 ½ days
- 78 drop offs delivered to Congressional offices
- In addition to meetings on the Hill, meetings were also held with 4 regulatory agencies
Monday Morning Orientation
Senator Mark Udall (CO) Meeting
Extracurricular Activities

- Casual Meet and Greet – Sunday evening
- Participant Reception – Monday evening
- Hill Reception – Tuesday evening
- Ford’s Theater – Hello Dolly!
Newbie Perspective

- **Upon Arrival**
  - Go to the meet and greet!
  - Establish contact with other participants from your State

- **Logistics Tips**
  - Believe Lynne when she says comfort comes before style when it comes to shoes!
  - Grab some on-the-go snacks, because you might miss a lunch or be late for lunch
Newbie Perspective – The Meeting

- Location, location, location – look for maps!!
- Relate to the State
- Big picture over details
  - Relate to issues outside of mining (jobs and the economy were big ones)
- Know the legislature
- Play up the female part, but emphasize our wide roles in the industry
What Really Helped

- Reviewing the issues beforehand and knowing how they relate to your industry
- Role-playing and “what-to-expect” discussion at meeting on Monday morning
- Forming a “plan” with your group before the meetings
  - Don’t take notes if you’re planning on leading the discussion
- Jotting notes on the backs of business cards to help remember people
What Might Have Helped

- Research or review how to relate to the State
  - Particularly if the State doesn’t have a direct tie to mining or energy
  - For House meetings, could even go so far as district

- Know the legislation a little better
  - Not only numbers but who sponsored it

- Keep the meeting notes or get a copy of them for afterwards
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
2013 Regulatory Agency Meetings
Cathy Suda, Teck American Inc.
Linda Tokarczyk, Rare Element Resources

- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
  Mike Nedd, Assistant Director Minerals & Realty Management

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
  Nancy Stoner, Deputy Assistant Administrator
  Ellen Gilinsky, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Water

- Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement (OSM)
  Glenda Owens, Deputy Director
  Michele Altemus, Chief of Staff

- U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
  Tim DeCoster, Chief of Staff for Chief Tom Tidwell
  Cal Joyner, Associate Deputy Chief
Conferences
Lynne Volpi

2012-2013 Conference Attendance

- National Mining Association Mine Expo, September 23-26, 2012, Las Vegas, NV
- Northwest Mining Association, December 4-7, 2012, Spokane, WA
- SME, February 24-26, 2013, Denver, CO
- Elko Mine Expo, June 6 & 7, 2013, Elko, NV
2013-2014 Planned Conference Attendance

- NWMA, December, 2013, Sparks, NV
- SME, February, 2014, Salt Lake City, UT
- Elko Mine Expo, June 2014, Elko, NV
Conferences
Lynne Volpi
Round Mountain Mine Field Trip
Nicole Preuss

5 members of WMC toured the Round Mountain Gold Mine in central Nevada in September, 2012.

Up on the pit edge

Demonstrating how the basin and range fault crosses the pit

Learning about the mill spirals

Showing off some gold nuggets – under the watchful eye of the security guard
WMC Board of Directors Election
Lynne Volpi

Nominees:
Karen Yost, President of American AgriWomen, a WMC affiliate member
Ruth Carraher, WMC founder and a consulting geologist for Hecla Mining Corporation

Voting results will be announced on September 4, 2013, after all paid WMC members have had a chance to vote on the ballot that was emailed on August 5, 2013.
Karen Yost, President of American AgriWomen

American AgriWomen is an affiliate member of Women’s Mining Coalition. WMC president, Wanda Burget, is on the board of directors for American AgriWomen, thus Karen has been nominated to join the board of directors for WMC.

Karen is a 3rd generation Montanan who has always been deeply involved in the agriculture industry.

She and her husband, George, have four children and four grandchildren. They own and operate Nutra-Lix, Inc., a feed supplement company in Billings. They also produce rodeo events with their family during the summer months.

Karen is a member of the American Feed Industry Association, the Montana Stockgrowers Association, the United States Cattlemen’s Association, the Montana Cattlwomen, the Montana Farm Bureau, the Billings Chamber of Commerce, and Faith Chapel church.

Karen sees that the role of agriculture in the nation needs to be advertised and supported. Communication between city and rural populations will be a focus of her term.
Ruth Carraher, Consulting Geologist for Hecla Mining Corporation

Ruth A Carraher has designed, executed and managed multi-faceted programs for assessing grassroots targets from acquisition to initial drilling programs to advanced drilling programs for resource definition in Nevada, Arizona, Mexico, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina and China. Her focus has been on Carlin-type gold deposits, low-, intermediate- and high-sulfidation gold-silver systems, syngenetic sedimentary deposits and Mississippi Valley deposits.

Ruth is a co-founder of the Women’s Mining Coalition which educates our legislators about the modern mining industry, the importance of mining to the US economy, and the industry’s commitment to environmental and community stewardship.

Ruth has been actively involved with several professional organizations from field trip organization to officer/committee chair and boards of trustee positions, including Geological Society of Nevada, Society of Mining Metallurgy and Exploration, Northwest Mining Association, Nevada Mining Association, Mining and Metallurgical Society of America, and Association of Women Geoscientists. She is also a member of the advisory board of the Department of Geosciences of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences, University of Nevada, Reno.
Current Legislative Issues: National Hardrock Issues

Kathy Benedetto
House Natural Resources Committee
Mining Related Legislation in the 113th Congress (2013-2014)

- HR 687 (Gosar/Kirkpatrick), “Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013”
- HR 697 (Heck), “Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act”
- HR 761 (Amodei), “Critical and Strategic Minerals Production Act”
Mining Related Legislation in the 113th Congress (2013-2014)

- HR 957 (Lummis), “American Soda Ash Competitiveness Act”
- HR 981 (Johnson of GA and Markey), “Resource Assessment of Rare Earths Act of 2013”
- H.R. 2970, (Tipton), "Good Samaritan Cleanup of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2013“ [Udall has a companion bill in the Senate]
Status of Legislation

• H.R. 697 – Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act passed the House by voice vote on July 22, 2013. The legislation was amended during committee markup to comport with the Senate version of the bill.

• H.R. 761 – Critical and Strategic Minerals and Production Act was scheduled for floor action in July but was bumped to accommodate the paired down Farm Bill. The Rule was rescinded August 1, 2013 to avoid parliamentary procedures on the floor.

• The legislation will most likely be on the floor sometime this fall.
Bill reports have been filed for the following pieces of legislation this means they are ready for floor action:

- HR 957 (Lummis), “American Soda Ash Competitiveness Act”
- HR 687 (Gosar/Kirkpatrick), “Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013”
Bills that can use Cosponsors

• H.R. 2824, (Johnson of Ohio and Lamborn) “Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act.”
  • Requires OSM to enforce the 2008 Stream Protection Rule.

• H.R. 2970, (Tipton), "Good Samaritan Cleanup of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2013“ [Udall has a companion bill in the Senate]
  • Mr. Lamborn will be introducing a Chairman’s mark that will be more comprehensive.
Committee Investigations

- Rewrite of the Stream Buffer Zone Rule
- Science Integrity
- Sage Grouse NTT Report
Potential Legislation/Hearings

It’s a Secret
Sage Grouse Update:
Mining Law with Feathers and Other Land Use Restrictions with Wings

Debra Struhsacker
WMC Board of Directors
Sage Grouse: The Spotted Owl on Steroids - Will Impact 11 Western States

- Sage Grouse ("SG") is a "landscape species"
  - BLM estimates it administers about 47 million acres of SG habitat in 11 western states
  - BLM lands contain over 50% of SG habitat

- SG conservation measures will create widespread adverse economic impacts

- Distinct Population Segments (DPS)
  - Greater sage-grouse (many states), Bi-State sage-grouse (NV-CA), Gunnison sage-grouse (CO)
BLM’s Proposed SG Conservation Measures Threaten Multiple Use

- Bootstrap FLPMA land withdrawal authorities onto the ESA
- Broad land use restrictions and outright prohibitions affecting millions of acres in 11 western states
- Severely reduce/eliminate grazing
- Withdraw lands with high-priority SG habitat from mineral entry
  - Validity exams for existing claims in these areas
What is Impacting SG Habitat?

- **Fire, Fire, Fire**
  - Wildfire is by far the worst threat
    - Has destroyed millions of acres of habitat especially in the western part of SG range (NV, CA, OR, ID)
    - Invasion of cheatgrass following fires establishes highly flammable fuel load - fire cycle
  - Habitat fragmentation due to resource development is a locally significant impact
    - Oil & gas development (especially in WY) Mining
    - Renewable Energy/Transmission Corridors
    - Urbanization

- Predation
  - Especially ravens

- Livestock Grazing/Improper Grazing
- Pinyon-Juniper Encroachment
Regional EIS documents to amend BLM and USFS LUPs with new SG conservation measures that will qualify as adequate regulatory mechanisms
  - 68 BLM Resource Management Plans
  - 9 USFS Land & Resource Management Plans

Draft EIS documents anticipated in June 2013
  - NV and eastern CA combined EIS document

Final EIS documents anticipated Sept. 2014
  - In time to influence USFWS 9/2015 listing decision

Several alternatives will be based on conservation measures recommended in NTT Report

State SG Conservation Plans will be an alternative evaluated in each EIS
Policy Objective: Prevent SG Listing or Implement Preservationists’ Agenda?

- Ignores FLPMA’s multiple use mandate
  - Makes SG conservation the highest and best use of the land subordinating all other land uses
- Bootstraps FLPMA land-use planning and withdrawal authorities onto the ESA
- Achieves widespread land use restrictions and prohibitions for *a candidate species* through amendments to LUPs in 11 western states
- More onerous than the project-specific controls in critical designated habitat for *a listed species*
- Conservation measures may not prevent a listing
Current Legislative Issues: National Coal Issues

Ursula Wojciechowski
Peabody Energy
Obama NSPS Timeline for New and Existing Plants

Assuming a typical 60-day comment period applies

1. Proposed rule for new power plants (September 20, 2013)
2. Proposed rule for existing plants (November 19, 2013)
3. Comment period closes for proposed rule for new plants (June 1, 2014)
4. Comment period closes for proposed rule for existing plants (July 31, 2014)
5. Final rule for new plants (September ??, 2014)
6. Final rule for existing plants (June 1, 2015)
7. State Implementation Plans submitted for existing plants (June 30, 2016)

Criteria for Developing New Regulations

- Consult with stakeholders, including “leaders in the power sector”
- Tailor regulations to “reduce costs”
- Make regulations “market based”
- Ensure “continued reliance on a range of energy sources”
- Standards must promote “reliable and affordable electric power”
Federal Legislative Engagement on NSPS

**Congressional oversight of Executive Branch regulations and legislation that proscribes or mitigates rulemaking**

**NSPS Letters to the President:**
- Senate Democrat letter
- Several Congressional delegation letters
- Several letters sent by Governors and Attorneys General

**Oversight:**
- House E&C Committee: Building on NSPS specific hearings last year; Questioning process during EPA budget hearings
- Senate EPW: McCarty confirmation hearing; Senators Inhofe and Vitter asked about NSPS process and demanded detailed follow-up for the record

**Legislation:**
- House Interior appropriations legislation includes provisions barring NSPS
- Planned House and Senate legislation opposing current NSPS rules proposals
- Planned NSPS amendment readied for consideration in Senate Energy Efficiency Bill this September
Social Cost of Carbon and Carbon Tax

Social Cost of Carbon (SCC)

*The White House recently increased this metric without public comment in order to justify its carbon regulatory agenda*

- House passed amendment to prohibit EPA from using the SCC valuation; 16 Democrats supported
- An amendment to the House Interior Appropriations bill passed in Full Committee
- House Oversight hearing held in July

Carbon Tax

*Democrats are looking towards a carbon tax as another means to limit carbon pollution*

- House passed amendment to prohibit the Obama Administration from imposing a carbon tax on the U.S.; 11 Democrats supported
- Congressional Republican and Tax Committee leadership pledges opposing a carbon tax in all forms
- House and Senate legislation prohibiting a carbon tax; the Senate also voted down a carbon tax amendment to the Budget Resolution by a vote of 41-58 with 13 Democrats voting against

*Looking ahead to September, similar SCC and Carbon Tax amendments are expected during the Senate’s consideration of energy efficiency legislation*
Comprehensive mine safety legislation has been introduced in both Chambers by Sen. Rockefeller (D-WV) and Rep. Miller (D-CA).

Rockefeller also introduced the Black Lung Health Improvements Act, which would set more stringent coal dust particulate limits for miners suffering from Black Lung.

Rep. McKinley (D-WV) introduced legislation that directs certain coal mine safety grant funds to be used to study the prevention and treatment of Black Lung.

Rep. Miller introduced the Worker Protection Against Combustible Dust Explosions and Fires Act.

Sen. Rockefeller recently sent a letter to President Obama urging action on finalizing dust and proximity detector rules.
Other Priorities

- Tax Reform – Percentage Depletion
- Coal Ash – House passed the Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act, which bars EPA from setting and enforcing national standards for the disposal of coal ash
- Coal Dust – Reps. Buschon (R-IL), Guthrie (R-KY), Kingston (R-GA) and Harris (R-MD) sent a letter to MSHA requesting MSHA re-open the comment period
- Stream Buffer Zone – House legislation addressing OSM’s rewrite of the Stream Buffer Zone Rule; several hearings held
- House passed the REINS Act, which would require Congressional approval of regulations costing over $100M
- House legislation introduced to require Congressional approval of any EPA rules with an impact on domestic energy production
- Bicameral legislation introduced targeting sue and settle practices; House bill passed committee
Name: WMC Mentoring Program

Goals & Objectives: To be a tool for the mining industry, providing mentoring opportunities for interested WMC members, Annual Fly In participants, and other interested parties by way of sharing our work and related experiences.

Brief Description: The WMC Mentoring Program will provide access to powerful resources representing diverse perspectives and experiences, for those interested in our program to become familiar with: 1) the core objectives of the Women’s Mining Coalition, our activities and outreach opportunities; and 2) the diverse nature of the US domestic mining industry and its supporting companies. The Mentor-Mentee relationship will be a confidential means by which information, experiences, contacts and ideas are shared.
Ballot was emailed to all paid members in early August. 20% of the total membership has voted. Results to date:

- 79% of respondents are in favor of the colors
- 21% are not in favor of the colors

Another idea was proposed by a member of the WMC Board of Directors: matching scarves.

Participants are always encouraged to dress in business attire, whether or not they wear the daily colors.

A final decision will be made prior to 2014 Fly-In.
The efficient administration of WMC depends in part on timely dues payments from our loyal members.

Be watching your email for the upcoming 2014 membership campaign, encouraging your continued support.
Further Discussion & Brainstorming

Wanda Burget
WMC President
Closing

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WMC President