



Miners Making the Rules and RegulationsSM Supported in Washington D.C. On Both Sides of the Hill©.

The existing Federal Mining Law gives claim holders the authority to make rules and regulations in the context of Organized Mining DistrictsSM. Even though the organized mining districts have never gone away, the miners within traditional mining districts have been neglecting their duties under Federal Mining law (30 U.S.C. section 22). This is why the Minerals and Mining Advisory Council® (MMACSM) was formed to organize the traditionally and legally recognized Mining Districts within the United States and encouraging the miners holding mining claims to step to the plate, legally, and take charge of their future. This is happening exponentially and many Senators, Congressmen and Committees recognize and see this. A new Constituency has evolved from a Grass Roots Campaign and they love it.

Presently MMACSM has partnered with the above logo'd associations and now that MMAC is a 501 (c) (6) we can work easier with large mining concerns and unions. MMAC is a combined effort by numerous concerned miners, mine owners, geologists, mining engineers, retired politicians, current politicians, retired military personnel, and mining attorneys that are gravely concerned about the future security of our nation and its increased dependence on foreign sources of mined materials. Currently the United States is importing up to 92% of raw materials, metals and rare-earth minerals from overseas. Mining Districts can change all of this. (This was voiced by Capitol Hill committee members on our March 2016 trip to Washington DC by MMACSM and many legislative counsel and Capital Hill meetings since trip. Over 133 meetings.)

To date, the failure of Congressional action to rein in agencies at the Federal and State level from extremist green groups has nearly shut down the entire mining industry through onerous, duplicative and prohibitive regulations and is also shutting out the general public at large. This is not consistent with the 1872 Mining Law, the mining district by-laws, the 1955 Multiple Surface Use Act, the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act, the 1970 National Minerals Policy Act and the 1976 Federal Land and Policy Management Act. MMAC was asked by some of the Congressional House Natural Resources Committee, Oversight Committee and the House armed Services Committee members to put together a comprehensive solution to our industry's plight. MMAC's solution is two Bills and one Amendment named the **H.R. Bill Rev 43; "Minerals & Mining Regulatory Reform Act – A Clear Path Respecting Mining Rights[©]", H.R. Bill Rev 4; "Rare Earths for National Defense and National Security[©]", HASC Amendment; Amendment of the Organic Act of 1897[©] and the Federal Public Land Road and Trail Access for War Readiness Locatable Materials**. All of these providing true accountability and regulatory certainty in existing law. These proposed Bill's and Amendment provides for mining in the United States and millions of new long-term and high-paying jobs and also:

- Regulatory certainty of a 30 day approval mitigation deadline
- Regulatory certainty of exemptions to the Clean Water Acts
- Regulatory certainty of exemptions to the Mine Safety and Health Administration
- Eliminates duplicative regulation by State and local governments
- Eliminates duplicative federal agency permits and the permit system
- Equal Access to Justice Act relief
- Cost effective due process appeal relief for unreasonable regulation
- Reasonable regulatory best management standards and mitigation formation procedures
- Clear environmental standing requirements to eliminate frivolous environmental lawsuits
- The TRADITIONAL MINING DISTRICTSSM as arbiters or coordinators of reasonable regulation

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MMAC's objectives are advancing methodically and are being well received by regional Bureau of Land Management and Forestry where MMAC and agencies have recognized MMAC's needed role in this process and this new path with Memorandum of Understandings (MOU's) between the mining districts and the agency. The www.mmacusa.org website and facebook page has been documenting MMAC's progress.

MMACSM has been to Capital Hill in Washington D.C 4 times in the last 2 years and going again in 2018. These trips have transposed into over 133 meetings. MMAC has had meetings with Senators, Congressmen, their legislative staffers, legislative counsel on the House Natural Resource, Energy and Natural Resource, Oversight and Armed Services Committees and two Washington DC highly respected think tanks. In sum they felt our proposed Bill and mainly the idea of **the MINING DISTRICTS UNDER ONE UNIFIED VOICE AND CONSTITUENCYSM**, are exactly what they are looking for from the **Grass Roots of America**. What they were especially excited about is the power the traditional and congressionally recognized mining districts they have presently, and with some clarification through the MMAC BillSM, that can push back agency overreach! Why were they so interested in the mining districts? They saw the mining districts as a viable option to the issue that public lands go back to the States immediately and thus would trigger massive valid existing right determinations, which never end well for the miner. The Committees were not aware of this until MMAC opened their eyes, and a way to open the land and roads to mining, recreation, hunting, ranching and other outdoor activities under the "free and open" language of the Mining Law.

MMAC has been called back to work closely on these historic piece's of legislation with the legislative staffers and counsel on MMAC's Bill's and Amendment also reviewing other Bills for them on the federal level. MMAC is prepared and has started to provide the Congressional education of the customary functions of the Mining Districts to the staffers. The Mining Districts along with clarification through the MMAC Bill can break up the conflicts while employing a constitutional representative form of local governance benefiting other recreational public land users, along with grazing, hunting and ranching.

MMACSM is the only entity that can continue to assist the local mining districts and educate Washington DC on
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