



Why Should You Join MMAC?

Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC) is the ONLY grassroots educational and lobbying company about Mining Districts, started by miners, for miners. MMAC was founded in accordance with the 1872 Mining Law and Mining District Laws ratified by Congress and still on the books, but forgotten by the newer generation of lawmakers currently writing Bills. MMAC was needed as no other mining association; mining alliance, miners rights group or national mining associations had stepped up to the plate and started fighting offensively for ALL miners, mining companies and vendors. Everyone was always fighting defensively and getting nowhere. **To our dismay, other private mining industry organizations of the past have received millions of dollars and ample time to repair the industry, but have failed to do so.** This is why MMAC was born.

MMAC consists of experts in all fields; EPA, Biology, Archeology, Geology, Mine Contracting, Engineering, Mining Equipment OEM's, Sedimentologists, Historical and Current Mining Law, Metallurgy, Refining, Mining Districts, Mining History and Military Representation for Mining and Mining Legislation. Members have also served as expert witnesses to congressional hearings and have served under 4 Department of Interior Secretaries and in the mining industry for decades. **Rather than building a resume based on theoretical knowledge, Members of MMAC have garnered their expertise through years of active work in the field from small to large mining operations.**

Forgotten by the newer generation of lawmakers currently writing Bills. The current Bills are giving some Mining Associations, Congressmen and Senators a bad reputation with the present and future mining industry/constituents. **Besides miners, the proposed new legislation is also an imposition for any other patron of federal land.** Though miners work very hard to support their families and create jobs in the process, they are struggling to make progress without the support of government clarification and policy. If able to practice uninhibitedly, the United States mining industry, mining vendors, mining equipment manufacturers and mining investors would not be in a losing battle and the **federal lands would be opened to true multiple-use.** In less than two years, MMAC has created multiple Bills and an Amendment to battle federal land indiscretions. MMAC currently is comprised of and in collaboration with many congressional leaders on both sides of the isle and military representation.

Other Mining Associations claim they are the leaders in the field, but are failing to settle current disputes, which deal with illegal and duplicated laws. These associations, agencies and special interest groups that are attempting reform, are not fighting for all. Only where they can make money and large mining concerns! Most mining happening in the United States consist of many countries that are mining as foreign enterprises; while domestic mining groups are unable to work their own land due to United States government over regulations and limitations.

MMAC intends to reform at the federal level, which is why we are seeking members of Congress to support, if not join our cause. In addition to boasting the most experienced and knowledgeable staff on the subject matter, MMAC prides itself on keeping its constituents up-to-date through national conference calls and web presence. MMAC does not put old or superfluous documents (e.g. information, opinions, failed past defense platforms, etc.) on our site. WE are an organization built on efficiency. **MMAC intends to waste no time on unnecessary meetings or fund lavish lobbying practices.**

A major issue being misrepresented by current Mining Associations, Congressmen and Senators is federal to state land transfers. These present Bills often include fatal flaws and ensues chaos, by not considering the Congressional Mining Law. Some mining associations have supported litigation and Bills with limited results. This was tried in the 1990's by one MMAC member, an expert congressional geologist and historical mining legal expert with over 60 years of experience, wrote land transfer Bills for both Alaska and Oregon. Unfortunately, neither bill passed because the language was unfamiliar to legislators and led to much confusion and therefore fear from the complexity and legal ramifications.

MMAC believes streamlining the patenting process of mineralized lands under the mining law and expediting that process will be the most efficient economical benefit to the states. **This is an orderly way of disposing of the land back to the states, already passed congressional law, still on the books and does not need anything. The patenting of mineralized land.** Our forefathers wrote this just for this time in United States history to enable miners to keep mining and maintain grandfathered laws during and after land (Patent) transfer.

Currently authors of Bills may be missing the mark on the importance of strategic national security, which is protected through Federal Mining Law, mining and mining districts. Current land transfer documentation and existing congressionally ratified laws neglect historically grandfathered clauses in federal to private (i.e. Patented) land transfers. Senators, Congressmen, and Legislative Councils have asked MMAC to look at various Transfer and Strategic Mineral Bills, but all of which are missing specific language, and were written without a specific knowledge of the history of federal land and legal grandfathered protection. Legislators think they have it covered, but do not. If these existing land transfer bills pass as is, they would close off mining and what mining can do for national security, the economy and the states. This is what MMAC is fighting for at the federal level. To educate legislators on what can succeed and what will ensure chaos.

Currently 92% of the raw materials are from overseas, but we have the means to access much of our necessary raw materials domestically. God forbid, our international relations weaken in the coming years; America needs the means to access natural resources without depending on a foreign governing body to facilitate. America also needs to take advantage of hundreds of thousands of new high-paying and long-term jobs the mining industry can create. Once land is transferred from federal to state without proper grandfather protection, chaos will happen, jobs will be lost and this mistake will allow foreign countries to own and work the land sending minerals right back to their countries. Under MMAC Legislative amendments and Bills, the mining industry would have less government regulation (e.g. misdirected environmental protection laws) then mining could blossom into a trillion dollar industry with minimal, if any, environmental impact.

There is solid evidence that generations of miners before us were restricted by state land mining and state land systems because they did not own the rights or land. (e.g. *The 1872 Mining Law and The Mystery of Capital: Capitalism Triumphs in the West and Fails Everywhere* by Hernando de Soto). **No miner at present is willing to work at state level unless a Bill is properly written.** Current over-regulated, duplicated, illegal land designations and state land management laws are already transposing into private property, road closure, and land designation issues for the citizen and miner. Currently, states are not prepared for the imposing complexity and chaos of a land transfer as presented today. Under MMAC Assisted Mining Districts most of federal public land problems could be curtailed.

Current land transfer legislation as written could prove to be a disaster and needs to be modified, clarified and rewritten by experienced mining law professionals with a historical background and years of infield, practical, commercial mining experience. This legislation shall include Federal Land Stakeholders (ie: Miners and Mining Districts from the area involved). Members of MMAC have the necessary skillset to write a Bill that legally could withstand backlash from environmental extremists and state power struggles that will surely arise in the transfer process.

MMAC has written an Amendment to the NDAA and two bills, one for the Rare Earths Committee and one for Congress under the blanket of Strategic National Security.

MMAC has the passion and the know-how, but are awaiting your support and the legislators, to help us get our policies passed. Let's get to work. We have a lot of work to do in DC in the next few months. We would love your membership ahead of time so that we can prevent the creation of any more pieces of legislation that are not thorough enough to be passed, effectively wasting time and resources for all.

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