



Good Samaritan Protection to Enhance Abandoned Mine Land Cleanup—Finding a Path Forward

April 26, 2018 – Colorado School of Mines -- 8am to 5pm

The **Mining and Metallurgical Society of America**, in conjunction with the **Colorado School of Mines** and **Trout Unlimited**, presents the Summit: *Good Samaritan Protection to Enhance Abandoned Mine Land Cleanup -- Finding a Path Forward*, to be held on the Colorado School of Mines Campus on April 26, 2018.

The Purpose of the Summit is: Identify necessary liability protection from applicable environmental laws that advance closure and remediation of the identified pilot/demonstration projects.

The Summit's Outcome is: A diverse coalition of stakeholders working to advance pilot/demonstration project-focused Good Samaritan legislation that enhances (or advances) AML cleanup.

The topics and summit breakout session discussions presented at the Summit will be:

- **Laying out the Challenges.** Identify social, political and legal issues impeding closure and remediation of AML Lands, including: What is needed, State Government considerations, Environmental Coalition issues, Private Sector & Industry considerations, Congressional Representative discussion.
- **Existing Issues Impacting AML Clean-up.** Address social, political and legal issues related to AML cleanup within current regulatory structure and envision potential Good Samaritan protections. Issues to be discussed include: Legal, AML/Good Samaritan, Health, Safety & Environmental, EPA discussion of Good Samaritan.
- **Break-out and Planning.** Delegates will break into multiple working groups to build consensus on the critical language and programmatic components needed to advance Good Samaritan legislation focused on pilot/demonstration projects. After the building blocks for the legislation are identified, avenues for partnership, the ideal process for selection of candidate demonstration sites, and other issues raised by the morning sessions will be discussed.
- **Feedback and Actionable Items.** The goal of the final session is to fold in outcomes from the morning and early afternoon sessions to collaboratively establish an action plan.

This Summit is intended for all stakeholders in the public, private and civil sectors with an interest in accelerating the clean-up of abandoned mines through Good Samaritan legislation.

For more information about the Summit, and to participate, contact Betty Gibbs, Executive Director, MMSA, at contactmmsa@mmsa.net or 303-444-6032. Watch the MMSA Web page for updates: <http://www.mmsa.net>.

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SUMMIT AGENDA—DRAFT—02-13-18

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Morning Plenary Session (8:00 to 10:00 AM) - Laying Out the Challenges

Laura Skaer- Session Moderator

Session Objective: Identify Social, Political and Legal Issues Impeding Closure and Reclamation of AML Lands.

- Enhanced pathway to AML Cleanup – **Laura Skaer**; Executive Director, American Exploration & Mining Association
- State Government Considerations – **Jeff Graves**; Director, Office of Active & Inactive Mines, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety
- Conservation Group Perspectives – **Chris Wood**; President, Trout Unlimited
- Private Sector / Industry Considerations – **Tawny Bridgeford**, Associate General Counsel, National Mining Association
- Congressional Perspective – **Dustin Sherer**; Aide to Sen. Cory Gardner

Break (10:00 to 10:15 AM)

Mid-Morning Session (10:15 to 11:45) – Issues Impacting AML clean-up
Dennis Ferrigno - Session Moderator

Session Objective: Address Social, Political and Legal Issues Related to Enhanced AML Clean-up

- Legal Issues- **Carolyn McIntosh**; Partner, Squire Patton Boggs.
- AML / Good Samaritan Political Issues – **Kathy Benedetto**; Senior Adviser to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (**Invited**)
- Examples of Successful Reclamation and Closure (Processes and Results) to Guide Candidate Site Selection – **Jeff Parshley**; Group Chairman and Corporate Consultant, SRK Consulting North America
- Discussion for Good Samaritan Initiative – **TBD**, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (**Invited**)

Lunch (12:00 to 12:45 PM) - Compliments of MMSA

Afternoon Session (12:45 PM to 3:15 PM) - Break-out & Planning
Ann Carpenter - Session Moderator

Session Objective: Build Consensus on Best Paths Forward

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Break (3:15 PM to 3:30)

Summary Session (3:30 PM to 5:00 PM) - Feedback and Actionable Items
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Closing of Summit (5:00 PM)

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