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New regs to dredge in forest

The proposed rules will revise the USFS regulations for locatable minerals operations conducted on National Forest System lands. The revised rules would apply to prospecting, exploration, development, mining and processing operations, and reclamation under the Mining Law of May 10, 1872, as amended. The Forest Service invites written comments on these proposed rules. <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/ContentViewer?objectId=09000064804079&disposition=attachment&contentType=pdf>

\$900 Gold-\$20 Silver-\$0 Dollar U.S. Dollar Destruction

Funny Money Report Feb 27, 2008

We can expect a continued rise in the price of gold and silver as it is becoming increasingly apparent that the Federal Reserve, the U.S. gov. and even Alan Greenspan are doing everything they can to destroy the value of the US Dollar. It is becoming clear that they want a weaker dollar considering some of the insane policies they are implementing and saying. The IMF has been dumping gold onto the market and continues to move up in value. The manipulation of the gold market and the decline of the dollar is failing. The rise in silver shows no signs of slowing down. So why is all of this happening? Let's take a look at some of the news that has come out in the past few days.

<http://www.truthnews.us/?p=2034>

PLP helps miner defeat BLM

On November 2, 2007, I filed a Million Dollar lawsuit against the Ridgecrest, CA. BLM, Field Office. I did not file a case against the BLM for their AAC taking of the Silver Swan structures. I filed a case against the BLM for the unconstitutional wrongful taking of my private property, my Silver Swan mining claims, with the use of the civilian volunteer effort known as the Adopt-A-Cabin (AAC) program, because the IBLA, held the BLM responsible for the AAC volunteers wrongdoing. *(Cont'd Pg 3 BLM Put in their place)*

ARE THEY NUTS!

Close 2,450 mi of trail in turn add 50 mi of trail

Tahoe NF plan cites damage caused by unmanaged riding

Original story laurab@theunion.com
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Tahoe NF wants to close 2450 miles of "unauthorized" OHV trails that have been used for years to halt problems such as erosion and impacts on wildlife.

In turn, 50 miles of so-called OHV trails not previously in the forest's inventory will be added to a developing designated route system.

<http://www.theunion.com/article/20070430/NEWS/104300130>

(WTF=what the foey)

News from the trenches

In February Public Lands for the People, Jerry Hobbs, PLP's Attorney David Young, Waldo Mining District Tom Kitchar, Washington State Resources Coalition and their attorney James Buchal met in Portland Oregon to discuss avenues to protect suction dredging in WA state and other states. The miners' future relies on the union of the states and their representatives, not the states individual efforts to do it by themselves. This meeting should bring strength to the plight of all small-scale mining throughout the country..

The meeting occurred after a hearing in the 9th Circuit Appellate Court on the Siskiyou Regional Education Project vs. the USFS. PLP, Jerry Hobbs, Waldo Mining district, Tom Kitchar and Lisa and Bob Barton were interveners in this case. The miners were successful in the lower District court and are awaiting the decision for the Appellate court. In listening to the questions asked by the Appellate court, we feel they will most likely uphold the lower District Court's decision in a finding that the USFS will not be allowed to require a Plan of Operation for suction dredging and that the miners will prevail again.

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PLP has recently been involved in another court hearing involving the Ca. Dept of Fish and Game (DFG) over the court order requiring the DFG to complete an Environmental Impact Report. The DFG made it very plain that they did not have the funding to do the report and probably not have it in the near future. The report is due in June 2008 and we have another hearing in mid July.

The Karuk attorneys made it very clear that they intended to file papers charging the DFG with contempt of court for not complying with the 18-month court order. They also made it pretty clear that their intention was to file an injunction against suction dredging in the state of California. If this happens and the judge enforces the injunction suction dredging could be shut down.

Public Lands for the People (PLP), Gerald Hobbs has remained in the case through out its entirety to prevent this suction dredge closure from happening. PLP, through its membership have supported the attorneys for Hobbs to continue the fight. However at this time the funding for this case have drained the coffers of PLP and they need to be brought back to a safe level to protect suction dredging.

Currently there is approximately \$2,000 in the account and the cost to continue will be many times that amount. PLP needs your help to continue this legal action for your protection in the future. We have our new legal raffle starting on the 20th of March and the raffle and prizes are in this newsletter. PLP has also made legal comments on the Forest Service (FS) 36 CFR 261 regulations to allow the FS to cite miners criminally. At this time the FS does not have that ability.

PLP has also made legal comments on the FS proposed Travel Management Plan. This plan is closing down thousands of miles of trails and roads throughout the country. Most forests are closing down from 2,000 to 5,000 miles per forest. PLP has determined that these closures are illegal and propose a challenge to the final Environmental Impact Statements.

To do these things will certainly require more support from the miners and the other users of the forest. Please assist us with your donations. We would also like to thank all of you and the industries that have supported our efforts in the past and those who support us in the future.

Jerry Hobbs

Desert Survival Tips

Many people each year have mishaps in the Mojave Desert which could have been avoided or made less serious with some preplanning. Following is a list of preparations to be made before your trip to the desert, a basic list of supplies, and suggestions for what to do if you become stranded.

Before your trip:

- Let someone at home know your travel plans and a time you will return! If you do get lost or break down, the people at home will know where to start looking. Also, let these people know if your plans change.
- Learn about the area, get accurate maps and travel conditions, and plan your agenda conservatively if you are traveling to an unfamiliar area.
- Bring gear appropriate to your activity, the expected range of conditions and the planned length of your stay. Many people have been fooled by changing conditions. We often hear statements like "...we did not expect thunder storms in the desert", "...we didn't expect it to get so cold at night..." or "we didn't know

it was so far between gas stations/services..."

• Survival Tools:

- Proper clothing for your activity (sun glasses, hat, riding gear, sun screen, wind breaker/ long sleeved shirt for change in weather),
 - Good walking shoes, boots or well-fitting riding boots,
 - Food (lunch or non-melting snacks),
 - Water; at least one gallon per person per day,
 - Maps, compass, knowledge of the area prior to trip (note land marks as you travel),
 - small First aid kit,
 - waterproof Matches (in a case or film canister),
 - Camping and emergency tools (depending on transportation)-
 - knife
 - aerial or road flares
 - rope or cord/ duct or electrician's tape
 - small bright colored tarp or ground cover
 - Day pack, cargo carrier or saddle bag to carry the preceding gear
 - Vehicle tools, high-lift jack, extra fuel, and spare parts (like spark plugs, fan belts, hose clamps), depending on your vehicle.
- If Lost, Stranded or Broken Down:**
Stay with your vehicle or otherwise make yourself visible,
- Stay put, unless you have a clear and specific destination,
 - Avoid walking during the heat of the day; morning and evening walking is better for conserving your body's moisture,
 - Seek shelter from the elements, but try to make yourself visible (like with smoke or a signal fire, or a bright colored tarp)

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(Cont'd Pg 1 BLM put in their place)

In several letters to me the BLM said the BLM did not have an AAC program, it was a civilian effort, exactly the same as the Adopt-A-Highway volunteer effort of various highway departments. The BLM said the BLM itself did not turn my Silver Swan private property into the BLM, WS, AAC public occupancy property, so it is clear the civilian AAC volunteers committed this federal crime without mine or the BLM's knowledge, permission, directions, or authority.

In 2004 the BLM filed an IBLA case against me charging me for the criminal unauthorized AAC recreational occupancy trespass use of my idle claims even though, the BLM knew their own volunteers were at fault. The IBLA decided in my favor.

I did not recently file a BLM, Constitutional taking of "Public" property, for AAC eminent domain public use. I filed a million dollar case against the BLM for the unconstitutional taking of my "private property," my Silver Swan mining claims, with the use of the AAC volunteers.

The BLM said this AAC taking of my SS property happened due to a property identification mistake. The Interior Board of Land Appeals proved the BLM did it deliberately. The IBLA said when the BLM realized they had made a property identification error after the BLM's own Adjudication Officer vacated the BLM's decision against my Silver Swan claims making them null and void, the BLM decided to let the Sierra Club AAC group keep my property anyway, by entering into a BLM, MOU, AAC legal agreement with the Sierra Club. This MOU was a legal binding agreement that gave

the Sierra Club AAC volunteers all of my former homeownership and mining claimant OBLIGATIONS and rights and the BLM's authority for their AAC's to remain on public land forever, under the Sierra Club members care and protection.

The BLM disavowed all knowledge of the MOU and has still not terminated it, to prevent my own visits or use of my private property, my Silver Swan mining claims.

The IBLA said the BLM issued a Cessation Order ("CO") on April 21 that was deemed to be in effect on May 25, 2004. The CO gave the BLM (the Public) the legal ownership of the Historic Silver Swan structures on my claims. The BLM wrongly calls the historic Silver Swan structures the White Swan structures. The CO ordered all mineral operations at this cabin are ceased. The CO mandated that Hall cease maintaining her claims on public land.

The IBLA ordered the BLM to remove their publicly owned AACs because they were not being used by me for purposes incidental to my substantial regular mining activity therefore their presence on my claims were an unauthorized occupancy trespass on my valid mining claim. Unless structures on idle valid mining claims are being used by the miner for purposes incidental to mining they are an unauthorized occupancy. None of the AACs are being used by the claimant for mining purposes, so they are unlawful.

During the week of November 5, 2007, the BLM removed the publicly owned historic White Swan, BLM, AAC, with the help of an archaeologist from the CA. State Historic Preservation Office.

The BLM has told everybody my mining claims were public property,

not my private property. I have tried to tell the AAC volunteers and AAC using public masses, my mining claims are to be considered as my private property, not their public property.

My Attorney is one of the most famous, competent public land attorneys in the world. The following are some of the excerpts from the case my attorney filed against the BLM, so you can decide if the BLM is telling the public the truth, or I am, through my attorney.

EXCERPTS: "This case asserts the taking of private property by the United States of America, California Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Field Office ("BLM") through the "Adopt-a-Cabin" program. The name of the program has subsequently been changed to the Historic Cabin Site Stewardship Program."

"By virtue of including the unpatented mining claims in the Adopt-a-Cabin program, the BLM effectively denied plaintiff Mary Louise Hall access to her Silver Swan mining claim for mining purposes, and allowed the public to trespass on the claim."

"The BLM has failed to follow regulations with regard to allowing public access to unpatented mining claims resulting in a taking of the claims and the property related to the claims."

"BLM took Plaintiff's private property without due process and just compensation in violation of the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution."

"Mary Louise Hall is the owner of the Silver Swan unpatented mining claim CAMC 49332, located in Inyo County, CA. This area is known as the Talc City Hills. Hall's claims

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were for silver, gemstones, clay, marble, talc and "rare earth minerals."

"The mining law of 1872 provides that the locators of mining locations situated on public domain, their heirs and assigns...so long as they comply with the laws of the United States shall have the "Exclusive" right of possession and enjoyment of all of the surface within the lines of their location. See 30 U.S.C. @26"

"The United States of America has held that a mining claim on public lands is a possessory interest in land that is mineral in character. Best v. Humboldt Placer Mining Co. 371 U.S. 334, 335-336 (1963), citing Cameron v. United States 252 U.S. 450, 456 (1920) Owners of unpatented mining claims hold fully recognized possessory interests in their claims."

"Owners of claims located prior to 1955 "gained the exclusive right of possession and enjoyment of the surface of the claim." Nevada Pacific Mining Co., 164 IBLA 383, 384 (2005); see also Talache Mines v. U.S., F,2d 491, 500 (9th Cir. 1955); U.S. v. Langley, 587 F. Supp. 1258, 1258 (D.C. Cal. 1984)" ""Claimant whose claims were located prior to 1955 have the right to exclude the public from the claims."" "As Hall's unpatented mining claim was located prior to 1955, she is entitled to exclude the public from her property."

"The BLM has admitted that it has not given the proper due process to mining claimants or owners of structures on such mining claims prior to "taking" the structures for public use. Upon information and belief, there have been over 32 structures in California incorporated into the Adopt-a-Cabin program. However only two of the structures were quitclaim deeded to the BLM and that for the remainder "we

(BLM) never really did anything to declare that the property was abandoned and/or no longer needed for the mining claim."

CLAIMS FOR RELIEF; "The Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution provides in part; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation. Even if the actions of the government were not authorized or were not proper, the plaintiff is entitled to just compensation."

"Although Hall owns an unpatented mining claim in which the government holds the title in fee simple estate, unpatented mining claims are property protected by the Fifth Amendment against uncompensated takings."

"Hall's mining claims have been determined by the Department of Interior to be a valid mining claim and valuable minerals have been discovered within the claim."

"The BLM's action of allowing the public to enter into and use the unpatented mining claims is a "taking of private property" without due process and just compensation in violation of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution."

The requested award for damages is in the amount of \$1,187,310.

If the historic Silver Swan structures had not been incorporated into the AAC program there were not any legal reason they could not have remained on my claims forever and the IBLA would not have ordered the BLM's removal of their unauthorized AAC structures. Now these historic structures and local beloved historic landmarks and their related depression-era mining history is gone forever. I would like to add, the prior owner of the Silver Swan structures located on my underlying SS claim, is also a party in this combined case

against the BLM for their use of civilians to take private property illegally, for BLM AAC public use, so the BLM can ignore the home owner and mining claimants birthrights under the 1872 mining laws and our U.S. Constitution. When hundreds of individuals and groups from the recreational and environmental community, decided to steal my property rights for the BLM, long enough for the BLM to cancel my claims, I felt outnumbered by two thousand to one, so I went looking for and found Public Lands for the People, our PLP. PLP has supported my efforts to fight this AAC violation of the federal criminal occupancy trespass laws by the BLM and thousands of their civilian partners for five years now.

It appears the BLM's partners in this AAC civilian effort are also the Inyo and Kern County Supervisors, law enforcement, and department heads. If Inyo County District Attorney Maillet, my County Supervisor, and any one of the Inyo County Department heads had kept their oath of office, I would not have lost everything I owned, due to criminal activity.

With the help of Jerry Hobbs, the PLP members and my better half, I have been able to prevail so far. Our smaller PLP group is starting to make the thousands of "THEM" squirm and feel outnumbered, themselves, this is as it should be.

The AAC program is not in the public's best interests. This AAC program and the lawsuits against the BLM, for it's illegal use of it, has the potential of costing the taxpayers over a billion dollars and the AAC lawbreakers nothing, except a raise in pay and a job promotion. That is the reason I am still pursuing a Rico, and public fraud case against the BLM, (Cont'd on Page 6 BLM lawsuit)

OK, so what's the speed of dark?

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U.S. considers easing ban on guns in national parks

Advocates of change say it will improve safety. Opponents are convinced it would do the opposite.

Richard Simon and Judy Pasternak,
Los Angeles Times Staff Writers
February 23, 2008

WASHINGTON In a victory for gun-rights advocates, the federal government is preparing to relax a decades-old ban on bringing loaded firearms into national parks.

Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne said Friday that his department would suggest new regulations by the end of April that could bring federal rules into line with state laws concerning guns in parks and public lands. His announcement came in a letter to Sen. Michael D. Crapo (R-Idaho), one of 50 senators who have written to him about the issue. Senators from both parties have backed a drive to repeal the ban, which has been in place in some parks for at least 100 years.

National park crime



The proposed rule change would let visitors carry loaded weapons

into national parks in states with few gun restrictions, such as Montana. California is not one of those states. Its law prohibits loaded guns in state parks unless they are locked inside a car trunk or are similarly inaccessible.

Although a federal rule change would not directly affect California, George Durkee, a board member of the U.S. Park Rangers Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police who works at Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks east of Fresno, worries about gun owners from other states:

"Somebody who says, 'Oh, well, I can now carry a gun in national parks,' and doesn't read the fine print will just figure he can carry one in Yosemite."

The federal government would not cede authority over firearms in national parks to the states, said Interior Department spokesman Chris Paolino, but would like to reflect the policies of host states. Weapons originally were prohibited in national parks to prevent "opportunistic poaching" of wildlife, said Frank Buono, a former assistant superintendent of Joshua Tree National Park, east of Palm Springs. A 1908 Yellowstone National Park regulation, for example, required that visitors "having firearms, traps, nets, seines or explosives" surrender the weapons at the entrance unless they received written permission from the park superintendent. A similar policy was in effect at most parks for decades. Then the Reagan administration in 1983 required that visitors unload and store their firearms before entering most parks. Supporters of the repeal effort note that state gun laws apply to federal land managed by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and they think that should be the case in national parks and wildlife refuges as well.

Half of the Senate seems to agree. Nine Democrats and 41 Republicans have signed letters to Kempthorne calling on him to lift the gun ban.

"We do not believe that allowing law-abiding citizens to transport and carry firearms -- rather than forcing them to disassemble or store them in their trunks -- will increase the chances that they will be tempted to violate prohibitions on discharge," one group wrote.

The National Park Service says there were 116,588 reported offenses in

national parks in 2006, the most recent year for which data are available, including 11 killings, 35 rapes or attempted rapes, 61 robberies, 16 kidnappings and 261 aggravated assaults. Supporters also think gun owners should be able to protect themselves against dangerous animals, dismissing arguments that firearms would ruin the park experience. "An attack, whether by an animal or a criminal, would degrade the experience of park visitors more," NRA spokesman Andrew Arulanandam said. The park service said there were four bear attacks last year: two in Yellowstone, one in Sequoia and one in Grand Teton. There were none in 2006. Officials at Glacier -- which recorded 10 deaths from grizzly bear attacks between 1967 and 1998 -- said the last attack was in 2005, when two hikers were mauled.

Editor's note: By international definitions, the US had 7448 protected areas, not counting marine areas, as of 2002. These protected areas cover 578,000 square miles almost 16% of the land area of the United States. This is also 10% of the protected land area of the world. U.S. marine protected areas cover an additional 347,000 square miles



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P.L.P. WHO ARE WE?

The Public Lands For The People was constructed for the purpose of representing all types of individuals and outdoor user groups that are interested in keeping Public and Private lands open for individuals and groups who use and enjoy outdoor recreation on a non-discriminatory basis! PLP will assist groups to join forces to maintain the laws and rights of all Citizens on Public and Private lands. (Federal, State and City). PLP will insure representation at public hearings of government agencies that are proposing limitations and restrictions on the lands that belong to the people. WE DO LITAGATE! We will file injunctions, when necessary, to prevent governmental agencies from discussing public issues behind closed doors and calling them “personnel meetings”. We will come to the aid of, and give individual attention to, persons or groups who are being harassed, intimidated or misled by people in authority (in or out of uniform) who are attempting to enforce their own ideas or opinions of laws, rules or regulations, rather than the actual laws, rules or regulations, and what it actually means. Remember....

PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE means our **right** to use Public Lands, not to Abuse Public Lands.

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(*Cont'd from Page 5 BLM lawsuit*)

it's partners and everybody involved in the AAC program, even a few law breaking miners, through the proper agencies.

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Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first. R. Reagan

Why Join The PLP?

There is plenty you could do with \$35.00 than join another organization. You could buy a couple gallons of gas, buy a drink and a bag of popcorn at a movie or simply save it for that proverbial rainy day that Mom said would eventually come. You could do all of those things or none of them; it is your choice because it is your 35 bucks. However, if you value the preservation of the rights of the public to access, use, and enjoy our public lands, and you want to protect that right for yourself, family, friends, and future generations, you want to reconsider where that \$35.00 would be best put to use.

Public Lands for the People has been working tirelessly for 18 years with land managers, politicians and other user groups to ensure that you get to public lands where and when you want. We have had many successes and you have benefited. Had there been no one out there fighting for your rights, where do you think you would be today? If you and I don't care enough to make the case for our rights, who will? I can promise you the other side is always making the case that mining and prospecting is noisy, polluting, and the source of conflicts. They want us in smaller and smaller areas with fewer opportunities to access the public lands and backcountry. Ultimately, they want us off the public lands. This is your fight whether you like it or not. Doesn't it make sense to join with others who are taking their time to protect your opportunities? Doesn't it make sense to equip those who are fighting for you with the resources needed for them to have a chance at success? Doesn't it make sense for you to invest \$35 in the Public Lands for the People?

Yes, it really does

What does PLP do for you?

1. PLP is now, has been and will be continuing to work on many issues that concern the small-scale miners. We are responding to dozens of calls and emails each month from all types of land users that are having problems with government agencies and their personnel. These calls for assistance and direction come from all forms of user groups, such as off road, metal detecting, camping, fishing, hiking, and occupancy, and of course mining, planning, and operational issues. PLP attempts to address each and every question or problem that comes along from the public land users.

2. PLP is now and has been working with other states and those who represent those states.

3. We finished in the 9th Circuit Court along with Tom Kitchar and the Waldo Mining District and the Barton's. The miners prevailed in the District Court in Oregon and are now awaiting a decision from the 9th Circuit Appellate Court. Based on questions asked by the court we believe that they will uphold the lower court decision.

4. We have made comments on Federal Register (FR) notice for the FS on road closures in many of the Forests and encourage others to feel free to use those comments. We may well end up in litigation over this FR notice. (RS 2477)

5. We have made extensive comments on another FR Notice on the USFS trying to change 36 CFR 261 making it possible for the USFS to criminally cite a miner that stays on his claim more than 2 weeks and to cite the miner criminally for using motorized equipment or using a road other than a registered USFS road without a Plan Of Operation. This, in all probability, PLP will have to litigate.

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6. PLP has and will continue working with some of the legal researchers for the Eastern Oregon Mining Assn. To help them overcome the ODEQ regulations on suction dredging and turbidity in a current lawsuit.

7. In the Karuk v Ca. DFG case in which the miners prevailed, PLP and I as a pro se litigant are still fighting in court to resolve attorney fees that the DFG awarded the Karuk Tribe even though we feel they did not win. Thus, bringing the miners into AB 1032 because the Ca. DFG wants to circumvent the EIR that the Court ordered. Hopefully the miners will prevail on both issues.

8. PLP assisted the Attorneys that represented the New 49ers in the Karuk case trying to force the suction dredgers into a Plan Of Operations to dredge. This case is almost a mirror of the SREP vs. USFS in Oregon in the 9th Circuit Court. The miners have prevailed on both of these up to this point and the Karuk vs. USFS is on hold and may go the 9th Circuit Court on a Karuk appeal as well.

9. Again the miners prevailed with PLP's help assisting the 49ers attorneys with the case of the USFS vs. McClure.

10. Again the miners prevailed when PLP assisted Ron Lex in the USFS vs. Lex by getting him a Public defender and then spent months of time bringing the Public defender up to speed on the mining law.

11. We were party to 2 lawsuits by the Center for Biological Diversity, one against the USFS and one against the BLM. In both cases we received the same decision from the Courts. The Court stated that the Agencies (could not) use the court order or the Judges signature to close over 300 areas. The Agencies must go through all of the Administrative and NEPA procedures to close any one of the 300 areas.

12. PLP and Dee Stapp prevailed in a lawsuit with the Bureau of Land Management on issues separating bond issues between Casual use occupancy and mining operations

13. PLP is participating in the Ca. Water Resources Board issues on suction Dredging turbidity and mercury.

14. PLP has worked with Washington State Resources Coalition and other Washington groups for several years. They are a great group to work with. We see a strong bond with them and we believe it will continue as they continue with their success in the rule making process on suction dredging.

15. The CA. Legislative Bill AB 1032 which had it passed would have closed all or part of approximately 70 rivers in the State of California to suction dredging and would have moved the same type of legislation to YOUR state. PLP has made both Legal and Scientific comments opposing the abuse of power by the legislators and the Ca. Department of Fish and Game. PLP, with your help will continue to fight against legislation like AB 1032

16. PLP has made every effort to be involved in one way or another with any major issue that surfaces and might have an effect on the activities of the small scale mining community. We have only continued and come this far with the financial and participating support of its membership. It is PLP's hope that this support will grow and continue to become even stronger in the future. With your help PLP will continue to keep mining and access open for you and your future generations.

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The Fee Repeal bill S2438.

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Type in the bill number then click Search by Bill Number. The bill restores the rules under which the Forest Service, BLM, Fish & Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Reclamation operated for over 30 years under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. They will be able to charge for developed campgrounds, swim sites, and boat launches. No more fees for trailheads, scenic overlooks, roads, parking, toilets, or picnic tables. National Park entrance fees are retained, but the National Parks Pass is reinstated at \$50 and the planned NPS increases every 3 years using the Consumer Price Index are stopped. The America the Beautiful Pass (\$80) goes away. Please contact your US Representative and both of your U.S. Senators and ask them to support S2438.

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Sen. Crapo, [ID] 12/10/2007

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Latest Major Action: 12/10/2007

Referred to Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee.

Status: Read twice and referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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that "Mineral Entry" is the right of entry on public land to mine valuable mineral deposits. "It is the policy of the United States, as expressed in Acts of Congress to make public lands available to the people for the purpose of mining valuable mineral deposits, and to encourage exploration for, and development of, mineral resources on public lands. Accordingly, the United States has reserved all land 'valuable for minerals' ... from disposition

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Comments from the Internet

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Benzar sees the policy of Fee Retention at the heart of the problem. "Fee Demo and Recreation Access Tax, or RAT allowed the local land managers to keep whatever recreation fee revenue they could raise, instead of returning it to the Treasury," she said. "Congressional oversight was lost, and appropriated funding was diverted to other uses. Local managers were left to raise their own budgets, and their incentives changed from land stewardship to revenue generation.

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