

The Arizona Small Mine Operators Association, located in Tucson, Arizona is sponsoring and promoting the petition. We are doing this for several reasons. The main one is that HR 2262 is not completely dead. The U.S. Senate Natural Resource Committee is currently drawing up their own version of the bill and an effort will be made to merge the two bills. If any one part of 2262 makes it into law the future of domestic mining on fed lands is doomed. The second reason for the petition is to attempt to get enough signitures in an effort to get a concession out of McCain that he will not sign any new mining legislation if he becomes president. Recently he has made several statements that refer to our culture having to be accepting when it comes to others political anti-mining beliefs.

Another is to be able to halt the mineral withdrawl legislation that Rep. Grijalva and Giffords are pushing through congress and as we know every year Rahall introduces an anti mining bill.

To be a power we need to gather between 100,000 to 250,000 signatures. There are thousands on prospecting, mining and associated businesses out there with hundreds of thousands of owners and employees dependent on access to minerals on federal lands. They are our target.

Please click on this link and sign the petition in support of the 1872 mining law.

We need your full support to keep access to the public lands open. Under the proposed law few companies could continue to operate on federal claims as the costs would be prohibitive. Domestic mining and associated industries would be devistated.

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/miningpolitics>

Sincerely,
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