



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

April 26, 2018 – Colorado School of Mines – 8am to 5pm  
Ben Parker Student Center

### SUMMIT AGENDA

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

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

**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 Bridgford**, Deputy General Counsel, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, National Mining Association, Washington DC and **Amanda Aspatore**, Vice President, Water Law & Policy, National Mining Association, Washington DC.
- 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, Department of the Interior
- 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 – **Erin Chancellor**, Counsel to Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**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

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.

**Break (3:15 PM to 3:30)**

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

**Ann Carpenter - Session Moderator**

**Session Objective:** The goal of the final session is to fold in outcomes from the morning and early afternoon sessions to collaboratively establish an action plan.

**Closing of Summit (5:00 PM)**

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