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I would like to point out to the News Brief readers that there are a number of organizations taking on the challenge against various types of legislation dealing with metal detecting and gold prospecting. MDHTALK's recommendation is to visit their website and give strong consideration to joining the fight. In some cases your support may be to send emails and / or write a letter to specific legislators or to provide funds to help with the fight. Here are the organizations and a link to their website.

[Go to the Join The Fight MDHTALK Webpage to read more about each of these organizations](#)

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What is a News Brief? The news brief provides a brief look into any news event. The intent of the news brief is to provide you, the reader, with news clips on what was taking place in the hobby last month. To read the whole story select the Article Link or go to [MDHTALK.org](#). There are more news stories placed on the MDHTALK website for December the news stories listed in the MDHTALK News Brief are just a portion of all the hobby related news reported the past month. **The news Brief is now available in Adobe PDF format, there is a link at the top of this webpage.** The news brief is no longer emailed; it is only available on the MDHTALK website and can be downloaded.

The Website's featured article for this month: Thoughts on Responsible Metal Detecting. The term Responsible Metal Detecting can be found in the Code of Practice on Responsible Metal Detecting in England and Wales a May 2006 publication. However, the term Responsible Metal Detecting in the U.S. is rarely used or defined. I have used the term in a number of articles but have never really thought about what this term encompasses. This short article will be an attempt to provide some definition for Responsible Metal Detecting. Responsible Metal Detecting is to:

- Know and Follow the Law.
- Gain Permission.
- Apply the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics.
- Join a Metal Detecting Club and National Metal Detecting Association.
- Understand the Potential Cultural Value of Your Find.
- Volunteer Your Services to the Hobby.

Know and Follow the Law means that one should read and understand the American Antiquities Act of 1906 and Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979. Archaeological resources are part of our Nation's heritage and these two acts cover archaeological resources and their recovery on public and Indian lands.

The two acts cover all national public / Indian lands and in many cases also have been adopted either wholly or in part by many states to cover state lands. There are also additional regulations that have been developed by the USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the National Parks Service. [Complete Article](#)

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Legislation and Regulation Issues

- Up to 1300 shipwrecks lie undiscovered on sea floor off WA's 'treasure coast'. [Article Link](#)
- Mike Brown dives into treasured history. [Article Link](#)
- The Lost-Jewelry Hunters. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunter - Mont Vernon man detecting history. [Article Link](#)
- Searching for the lost wrecks of the Dry Tortugas. [Article Link](#)
- ISU alumnus discovers remains of old military training site on campus. [Article Link](#)
- Retired fisherman recovers lost treasure on local beaches. [Article Link](#)
- Digging up the past at Kin Kin. [Article Link](#)
- South Africa: Treasure Hunter Scores With Beach Bling. [Article Link](#)

- Task Force for Metal Detecting Rights Foundation Great News! [Press Release](#)
Because of the efforts of Task Force members in voicing their concerns over the proposed ban on metal detecting in Mason City, Iowa, a permit system has now been put into place.
The permit will allow metal detecting in certain parks, and each person who detects must take out a permit in order to utilize the parks. The permit states the rules, and the person doing the metal detecting must agree to follow them.
The Task Force has reviewed the permit, and feels the rules are fair and reasonable.
- [PLP Press Release](#) Judge Ochoa Stays CEQA Ruling in Remarkable Court Proceeding. In San Bernardino Superior Court, Judge Gilbert Ochoa candidly admitted that the

U.K. News

- Expert examines ancient finds. [Article Link](#)
- 'Night hawk' treasure hunters target the chapel of St Peter-on-the-wall in Bradwell. [Article Link](#)
- Uncovering Leicestershire's past one field at a time. [Article Link](#)
- The Magic of Mudlarking. [Article Link](#)
- Meet the real life detectorists. [Article Link](#)
- This 11-year-old metal detector enthusiast is raising money for a hospital which saved him. [Article Link](#)
- Viking gold, a 16th Century ring, and a rude knife handle are among county's amazing treasure finds. [Article Link](#)
- British actor Mackenzie Crook discovers comedy gold with 'whimsical' series Detectorists. [Article Link](#)
- The best places in England for unearthing lost treasure. [Article Link](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Good Samaritan finds wedding ring lost in snow and tracks down owner. [Article Link](#)
- Reunited with alumni ring ... after 32 years. [Article Link](#)
- Lost engagement ring returned by honest stranger. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Meteorite fireball burns through South Georgia, Florida skies. [Article Link](#)
- Found in Antarctica: first pictures of Russian meteorite discoveries. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite older than Earth discovered in Australia. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Oldest Human Footprints in the Southwest Discovered at Tucson Construction Site. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists believe they've found artifacts from Alaska's 'cursed' warship, the Neva. [Article Link](#)
- Revolutionary War-era ship unearthed at Virginia construction site. [Article Link](#)

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events. Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2016 hunt information on the web. The sooner it is out and available to the metal detecting community the greater the chance for people to see it and give your event some consideration. [Add Your Event Information Here](#)

- **February 12, 2016** (Three Days)
Quartzsite, Arizona
Quartzsite Gold & Treasure & Craft Show
Natures Nuggets, Tesoro Metal Detectors, Miners Depot, QIA

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mining community is being denied justice in his own courtroom by deferring a decision on the CEQA case. In what amounts to a judicial olé, Judge Ochoa is kicking the can down the road until the California Supreme Court rules on the Brandon Rinehart case.

Comments from Attorney James Buchal:

- Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs. Here is a Bill (HR803) that is trying to re-establish isolated finds regulation in Florida. This is a positive bill involving a number of like interesting past-times. This bill will allow Florida residents to once again recover and save artifacts from the underwater areas of Florida's waterways. There is a permit involved and a fee of \$100. It has gained traction so lets all get involved and push it over the top.
Florida Bill HR 803 Historic and Archaeological Artifacts [Website Link](#)
HR 803: and [SB 1054](#):

Other News

- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ) January News**
- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [January News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** is the organization of independent miners across the West. [January News](#), [December Newsletter](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors.** Fishers Pulse 8X metal detector rated #1 by Homeland Security. [December Press Release](#)
- **Garrett Metal Detectors** is proud to announce a new lineup of consumer products for our Sport Division. [Article Link](#)
- **White's Electronics** MX Sport Metal Detector. [Article Link](#)

- **February 20, 2016** (Two Days)
Pomona, California
2016 Pomona CA Gold Show
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- **February 22, 2016** (Two Days)
Las Vegas, Nevada
2016 Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- **February 28, 2016** (One Day)
Galveston, Texas
34th Annual Open Beach Hunt
Houston Archeology Recovery Clubs (HARC)