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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 March 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 is: Roaming Access to Public Lands has Disappeared for Metal Detectorist and Others

[The Ideal Situation](#) is to have complete access to public lands with no restrictions but alas that is far from today's reality.

[Today's Reality](#) is that more and more public lands are being put behind man made barriers. These barriers come in the form of laws, regulations and rules that prohibit or limit many personal outdoor activities on public lands.

This is the biggest single issue facing many out door activities (recreational metal detecting, gold prospecting, fossil and mineral collecting, rock hounding, off road vehicles, etc). Access to public lands is not just a metal detecting issue but is also the single most important major issue for the many outdoor recreational activities.

[Why are more and more public lands being put off limits to metal detectorist?](#) Metal detectorist are being pushed off of public land because the hobby is considered to be destructive by many public land managers, archaeologist and nature preservationists.

Public land managers find that their many parks, school yards and ball fields are being heavily damaged by irresponsible detectorist. Many new detectorist have entered the hobby and have not taken the time to learn how to correctly recovery a target from the turf. The result is that there is a great deal of damage caused to manicured public parks grass, ball fields, etc. All detectorists must afford the same consideration, care and non-destructive behavior toward public lands as he / she would towards their own lawn and property .[Read the Article](#)

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- 200-lb gold coin worth estimated \$4 million is stolen from German museum. [Article Link](#)
- Relic hunter x-rays Civil War musket, finds stacks of Minie balls (VIDEO). [Article Link](#)
- Surfers Paradise gold digger finds four more nuggets in the sand on Gold Coast beach. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunter finds fun in returning lost belongings. [Article Link](#)
- \$60 million 'Pink Star' diamond goes back on sale next month. [Article Link](#)
- Teen finds massive 7.44-carat diamond in Arkansas park. [Article Link](#)
- With Snow Melting, California Gold Prospectors Hope To Strike It Rich. [Article Link](#)
- Mill Creek Metro Parks restructuring metal detecting

Other News

- [Western Mining Alliance Newsletter](#)
- [Gold Prospectors Association of America \(GPAA\)](#) - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [March News](#)
- [American Mining Rights Association](#) is not a gold club but rather an advocacy group for miners and public land users to preserve and maintain their rights as they pertain to access to their public lands. [March News](#)
- [Prospecting and Mining Journal \(IMCJ\)](#) [March News](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Sighting of meteorite's moon hit by Aberystwyth scientists. [Article Link](#)
- Well, she said she wanted a big rock! Chinese man proposes to his girlfriend with a '33-tonne meteorite' instead of a diamond ring (and she STILL says yes'). [Article Link](#)

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U.K. News

- Treasure from Bronze Age dug up by metal detectorist [Article Link](#)
- Care home residents in Wrexham find 'buried treasure' after taking up metal detecting [Article Link](#)
- Roman iron found in farmer's field sells for £25,000. [Article Link](#)
- Hoard of Tudor coins found near Ludlow is declared as treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Detectorists dig up buried treasure in Devon fields. [Article Link](#)
- Boy finds mystery 'mammoth tusk' on Sussex beach. [Article Link](#)
- Former Norfolk police officer jailed following theft of gold coins found with metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunters turn history on its head. [Article Link](#)

- Want to find a space rock? A meteorite hunter tells us how!. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Archaeologists Found Rare Calusa Artifacts In Florida Midden. [Article Link](#)
- Jamestown Unearthed: Archaeologists explore tombs at center of 1901 woman-led dig. [Article Link](#)
- 2,000 year old warrior amour made of reindeer antlers found on the Arctic Circle. [Article Link](#)
- 200-year-old Russian wreck found on Kruzov Island near Sitka. [Article Link](#)

Jewelry Returns

- School ring mystery solved — 40 years later. [Article Link](#)
- Reward offered for return of wedding ring lost in Springfield Park (update: ring found). [Article Link](#)
- Class ring found in Kentucky after nearly 40 years. [Article Link](#)
- Community helps Shreveport woman find engagement ring. [Article Link](#)

Legislation News Attention everyone..... Alert

Just found out about this bill in the NH legislature. It has already passed the House and is in the Senate. It apparently passed the house by a voice vote. The full text of the bill is below. Really simple as it says dredging is banned. I know this is not metal detecting proper but we are all in this together. Many people are involved in both hobbies. So lets act quickly to try to put the brakes on this one.

Also there are 2 cities that have recently banned detecting. We are working with them on a local level right now.

Here s a link to the NH senate committee where the bill is at right now. [Web link](#)

Here is the senate contact page. [Web Link](#)

New Hampshire [House Bill 591](#)& Sponsors: [Web Link](#)

If you live in NH then please contact your senator. If you do not then please contact the committee and any senators and let them know about your vacation plans.

[Mark Schuessler, FMDAC National President](#)

New PLP Press Release

Public Lands for the People - A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

Happy FLOOD GOLD Season!

After the heavy rains in the west, this summer promises to be one of the best mining seasons for small scale miners in many a year! Here we are on the verge of a great new mining season, and there is still legal work to be done in San Bernardino with the California dredging cases we have been plaintiffs in against the state of California for nearly a decade now. We are never giving up until miners are back in the water!

We are proud to stand with Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC) to get new legislation in place that will put more teeth in the 1872 Mining Law for the miners. To that end, MMAC has been working hard, meeting with many movers and shakers in Washington DC for a week in February and another week in March. That is very important work which when completed, will benefit all miners, mining districts, mining companies and of course, all of America. [Complete Press Release](#)

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events. Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2017 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](#)

- **April 01, 2017** (One Day)
Woodbridge, New Jersey
Spring Bunny Hunt
Deep Search Metal Detecting Club
- **April 01, 2017** (Two Day)
Puyallup, Washington
Gold and Treasure Show
Bedrock Prospectors
- **April 01, 2017** (Two Days)
Jefferson, Texas
Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt
Garrett Metal Detecting & Texas Assn of Metal Detecting Clubs
- **April 01, 2017** (One day)
Harlingen, Texas
7th Annual Hunt
Rio Grande Valley Metal Detecting Club
- **April 01, 2017** (One Day)
Orlando, Florida
Central Florida Sunshine Shootout and Relic Hunt
Minelab and Kellco Metal Detectors
- **April 01, 2017** (Two Days)
Coeur d Alene, Idaho
18th Annual Gold & Treasure Show
NW Gold Prospectors Assn
- **April 01, 2017** (One Day)
MORRISTOWN/WICKENBURG, Arizona
Common GOLD Dig
AAGP - Arizona Assn of Gold Prospectors
- **April 02, 2017** (One Day)
Riverside, California
2017 ANNUAL ROUNDUP
RIVERSIDE TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

[Select here to View the Complete Event Details for April](#)

- **April 08, 2017** (Two Days)
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
LRRRC Spring Club Hunt
Lancaster Research & Recovery Club
- **April 08, 2017** (Two Days)
Roseburg, Oregon
2017 Gold and Outdoors Show
Douglas County Prospectors Assn
- **April 12, 2017** (Four Days)
Stanton, Arizona
2017 Stanton Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **April 14, 2017** (Three Days)
Dixie, Oregon
2017 Blue Bucket Camp Outing - Easter Celebration
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- **April 18, 2017** (Two Days)
Monroe, Washington
2017 Gold, Gem & Mineral Show
Washington Prospectors Mining Assn
- **April 16, 2017** (One Day)
Stanton, Arizona
Metal Detecting 101 / Renegade Treasure Hunts
Gold Prospectors Assn of America & the Lost Dutchmans Mining Assn
- **April 16, 2017** (One Day)
Stanton, Arizona
Golden Egg Renegade Detector Hunt
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **April 18, 2017** (Two Days)
Monroe, Washington
2017 Gold, Gem & Mineral Show
Washington Prospectors Mining Assn
- **April 21, 2017** (Three Days)
Temple, Texas
2017 TAMDC Convention
TAMDC - Texas Assn of Metal Detecting Clubs
- **April 21, 2017** (Three Days)
Riverside, California
30th Annual Hunt Rendezvous
West Coast Prospectors and Treasure Hunters
- **April 22, 2017** (Two Days)
Blacksburg, South Carolina
15th Treasure Hunt Of The Carolinas
Joyce and Randy Gatchel
- **April 22, 2017** (Two Days)
Cashmere, Washington
18th Annual Gold & Treasure Show
North Central Washington Prospectors
- **April 22, 2017** (Two Days)
Las Vegas, Nevada
2017 Las Vegas Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA
- **April 26, 2017** (Five Day)
Marlborough, New Hampshire
BONE 24 Treasure Week
North East Metal Detecting Forum & Professional Treasure Hunter's Historical Society
- **April 29, 2017** (One Day)
Wabasso, Florida
9th Annual Treasurehunters Cookout
Seeker41
- **April 29, 2017** (Two Days)
Sapulpa, Oklahoma
30th National Open Hunt
Three Forks Treasurer's Hunters Club
- **April 29, 2017** (One Day)
Raidersburg, Montana
13th Annual Rick Radke Memorial Hunt
Headwaters Chapter of the GPAA
- **April 30, 2017** (Fourteen Days)
Cleveland, Georgia
2017 Loudmine Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn