



Support The Hobby

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 May 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* [Download To Read the Complete Article](#)

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.

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Other News

- Volunteers continue to clean up Old Joliet Prison. [Article Link](#)
- WWII soldier's knife returned to family. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunting at Old Storybook Island. [Article Link](#)
- Man arrested for metal detector robbery in Denison. [Article Link](#)
- Hidden Hazards: The hunt is on at Fort Custer -- for military training weapons left behind. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting tips for beginners. [Article Link](#)
- Staten Island man discovers safe in yard 7 years after it was stolen from neighbor. [Article Link](#)
- He's armed and detecting and looking for buried treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Rio History: Hunting for Artifacts. [Article Link](#)
- The best metal detector 2018: find your fortune (or at least some cool stuff). [Article Link](#)
- Native Insight: Northfield man finds 3,000-year-old axe on Vermont lakeshore. [Article Link](#)
- Spokane treasure hunters: Two men with metal detectors search for history. [Article Link](#)
- Palmer hosts Rockarama 2018, SA Metal Detecting Championships | PHOTOS, VIDEO . [Article Link](#)

- **American Mining Rights Assn** 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. [May News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [May News](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors** - PT-1; Pipe Tracking Made Easy for Land and Sea [Press Release](#)
- **Lost Treasure E-Magazine** [May Issue](#)
- **PLP News Release**
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [May News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** [April Newsletter](#)
- **White's Discover** [May/June Magazine](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [June Newsletter](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Winsford grandmother reunited with lost engagement ring. [Article Link](#)
- Miraculous Lost and Found on Coronado Beach. [Article Link](#)

- Delving Deep into Local History with the Stealth Diggers. [Article Link](#)
- Family finds folder of 1876 Proof set buried in yard. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Dorset Police warn members of the public to be vigilant on heritage crime following spate of incidents [Article Link](#)
- War erupts over metal detecting on Britain's battlefields. [Article Link](#)
- Bronington treasure on display at Wrexham Museum. [Article Link](#)
- Look what this Leeds father and son dug up while out metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Rare Roman ring found on Cumbrian beach. [Article Link](#)
- Norwegian Hobby Archaeologists Dig Up 9th-Century Trove, Get Reported to Police. [Article Link](#)
- Teen Unearths Milk Cans Holding WWII Heirlooms from Aristocratic Prussian Family. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector strikes gold finding 4,000-year-old buried treasure in Yorkshire field. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure trove inquest in Plymouth - as it happened [Article Link](#)
- Caversham Heights Society. [Article Link](#)

- Osage class ring, lost for 57 years in Smallin Civil War Cave, reunited with lucky owner. [Article Link](#)
- Ring reunion: wedding ring back on Kilgore woman's finger after missing for months. [Article Link](#)
- Ky. Metal Hunter Finds Ohio Woman's Lost Class Ring. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Native Insight: Northfield man finds 3,000-year-old axe on Vermont lakeshore. [Article Link](#)
- hips Unearthed in Virginia Offer Glimpse of Colonial Era. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient artifacts seized from Hobby Lobby returned to Iraq. [Article Link](#)
- Adult mammoth bones found in Wyoming. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeology Field School Returning to Colonial Military Site. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Asteroid, Meteor, Meteorite and Comet: What's the Difference? [Article Link](#)
- Widening beaches might bring more hazards, researchers say. [Article Link](#)
- Palmer's Rockarama 2018 promises crystals, craft, SA Metal Detecting Championships. [Article Link](#)
- Northfield man finds 3,000-year-old axe on Vermont lakeshore. [Article Link](#)

PLP News Release

The SMALL MINER AMENDMENT Update and Call to Action

We are overwhelmed with the support PLP has been receiving from around the country for the Small Miner Amendment. With over 2,000 endorsements and counting, this will help to make a greater impact because legislators will see the breadth of support from around the country for the Small Miner Amendment. In just a few weeks our Northern California Director, Clark Pearson and Scott Harn of the ICMJ (Mining Journal), will again be meeting in Washington D.C. with high level officials in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Interior (DOI), along with many legislators and their aides. We are working hard to get this critical mining legislation passed, providing regulatory relief for the small-scale mining community across the nation. **Help us to help you:** send us your endorsements of the Small Miner Amendment. You can read the complete language here: <http://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org/small-miner-amendments-to-s145/>

It seems there may be some confusion as to what PLP's proposed legislation is. It is NOT what MMAC has/ had in mind regarding Mining Districts. It is not the same bill at all. It is somewhat like doing arthroscopic surgery to cancerous laws, by using legislation to go in and make tiny incisions (corrections), in multiple places (various laws), to help the sick patient (the miners), heal up and restore full use of their mining rights. PLP's legal researcher Clark Pearson wrote the "Small Miner Amendments to S145. RECOGNITION OF THE LIMIT OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-INITIATION UNDER THE 1872 MINING ACT AND THE PERMISSIVE (PERMIT) SYSTEM FOR PURPOSES OF REGULATORY CERTAINTY"

As you read through the bill, you will see just how well the small-scale suction dredgers will benefit! Especially in Sec. 104.

It amends certain US Codes. Here are the current US Codes mentioned so you can more easily refer to and understand the amendments proposed to them (Thanks to Jann Higdum for setting up these links!):

SECTION 101: Improving regulatory accountability 28 USC § 2412(d)(1)(A) -Costs and fees

Section 105: SMALL MINER EXEMPTION

[30 USC § 803](#) - Mines subject to coverage
[5 USC § 554](#) - Adjudications (MSHA)

Section 106: Review and revise existing federal regulations

[36 CFR Part 9](#) MINERALS MANAGEMENT (DOI & NPS)
[43 CFR Part 4](#) Dept. Hearings & Appeals; and (DOI)
[art 3800](#) - Mining Claims Under the General Mining Laws (DOI)
[36 CFR Part 228](#) - Subpart A, Locatable Minerals (USDA)
[30 CFR Parts 1-199](#) - Mineral Resources (MSHA);

Section 107: FEDERAL CONSENT ON PUBLIC LANDS None

Section 108: DISCRETION OF THE OWNER OR MINERAL OPERATOR

[30 USC § 43](#) Conditions of Sale by Local Legislature

Section 109: MINERAL WITHDRAWN LANDS

[43 USC § 1712\(e\)\(3\)](#) - Land Use Plans
[43 USC § 1714](#) - Withdrawals of Lands

You can read more about the Small Miner Amendment and also the need to write letters about MSHA issues right away at:
<https://www.icmj.com/magazine/article/plp-and-mmacc-update-3815/>

Regarding letters of support for the "Small Miner Amendments to S145," please address them to your member of the US Senate or US House of Representatives. The Mining Journal is collecting the letters to take to D.C.

Completed letters can be sent to the Mining Journal by email to editor@icmj.com; by fax at (831) 479-4385; or by mail to:

ICMJ
Attn: Scott Harn
PO Box 2260
Aptos, CA 95001

As a personal means to show support for PLP's efforts, everyone should

Section 102: Removing overlapping and duplicative authorities

- 16 USC § 478 - Egress or ingress of actual settlers; prospecting
- 16 USC § 551 - Protection of national forests; rules and regulations
- 16 USC § 1604 - National Forest System land and resource management plans
- 30 USC § 612 - Unpatented mining claims

Section 103: Uniform federal regulation

- 43 USC § 1702 - Definitions
- 43 USC § 1748c - Bureau of Land Management Foundation
- 42 USC § 4332 - Cooperation of agencies; reports; availability of information; recommendations; international and national coordination of efforts
- 16 USC § 1536(a)(2) - Interagency cooperation

Section 104: Mine operation exemptions from the Clean Water Act

- 33 USC § 1362(12) - Definitions: "discharge of a pollutant" and the term "discharge of pollutants"
- 33 USC §§ 1341, 1342 or 1344

strongly consider becoming a member. The [cost is a mere \\$35/yr](#) . Keep in mind that PLP is not a prospecting or social club. We are an organization that focuses primarily on "mining rights" and protecting them without compromise! The majority of donations to PLP are from individuals making small donations. Every dollar goes into the fight! We are an all volunteer board, and your donation/ membership, raffle ticket purchase keeps us engaged in the battle.

Order your 2018 Grand Raffle tickets here:

<http://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org/>; another prize is being added this month!

Also consider subscribing to the Mining Journal to keep abreast of the very latest mining and prospecting news and insights.

<https://www.icmj.com/subscribe/>

Let's all work together to make an impact. Together we've taken some lands back for public multiple use as in the Eagle Mountains and other areas, now let's work together making history with these current activities to keep them! Why? Because it matters greatly to the next generation what we do now. We are the Patriots of our generation. It's about Mining Rights, it's about Freedom!

Ron Kliwer, PLP President

Event Newsr>

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2018/19 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.

- **June 02, 2018** (One Day)
Riverside, California
2018 Annual Roundup
Riverside Treasure Hunters Club
- **June 02, 2018** (Two Days)
Grand Rapids, North Dakota
19th Annual Hunt
Minnkota Artifact Recovery Group
- **June 02, 2018** (One Day)
Shawsville, Virginia
27th Annual Open Hunt
Roanoke Valley Coin & Relic Club
- **June 06, 2018** (Five Days)
Loudmine, Georgia
2018 Loudmine Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **June 09, 2018** (Two Days)
Roseburg, Oregon
2018 Gold and Outdoors Show
Douglas County Prospectors Assn
- **June 09, 2018** (Two Days)
New Stanton, Pennsylvania
6th Annual Silver Seekers Open Treasure Hunt
Silver Seekers
- **June 13, 2018** (Five Days)
Nebo, North Carolina
2018 June Vein Mountain Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **June 16, 2018** (Two Days)
Alleghany, California
9th Annual Gold Show
Underground Gold Mining Museum
- **June 15, 2018** (Three Days)
East Durham, New York
Lost Treasure Weekend
The Black Thorne Resort
- **June 16, 2018** (One Day)
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
XP Deus Boot Camp
Instructors: Andy Sabisch
- **June 16, 2018** (One Day)
Palmer, Alaska
6th Annual Metal Detecting Hunt & BBQ/Potluck
MatSu Dirtfishers Assn
- **June 16, 2018** (Two Days)
Hasting, Nebraska
44th Annual Hunt
Nebraska Land Treasure Hunters
- **June 19, 2018** (Two Days)
Kerrville, Texas
Texas Lions Camp for Disabled Children
- **June 22, 2018** (Two Days)
Sweet Home, Oregon
Annual Silver Hunt Competition
East Linn Treasure Seekers
- **June 22, 2018** (Three Days)
Athol, Idaho
46th Annual Treasure Hunt
Northwest Treasure Hunters Club
- **June 24, 2018** (One Day)
Seattle, Washington
5th Annual Hunt
Outlaws Metal Detecting Group
- **June 24, 2018** (One Day)
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
The Minelab FBS Bootcamp
Minelab & Andy Sabisch
- **June 27, 2018** (Six Days)
Columbia, California
2018 June Italian Bar Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **June 28, 2018** (Three Days)
Mancos, Colorado
2018 WWATS Rendezvous
WWATS - World Wide Assn of Treasure Seekers

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