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

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The Mining and Metallurgical Society of America, in conjunction with the Colorado School of Mines and Trout Unlimited, presents the Summit: *Good Samaritan Protection to Enhance Abandoned Mine Land Cleanup -- Finding a Path Forward*, to be held on the Colorado School of Mines Campus on April 26, 2018.

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

The Summit's Outcome is: **A diverse coalition of stakeholders working to advance pilot/demonstration projects focused on Good Samaritan legislation that enhances/advances AML reclamation.**

The topics and summit breakout session discussions presented at the Summit will be:

- **Laying out the Challenges.** Identify social, political and legal issues impeding closure and remediation of AML Lands. Subjects discussed include: What is needed, State Government Considerations, Environmental Coalition Issues, Private Sector & Industry Considerations, Congressional Representative Discussion.
- **Existing Issues Impacting AML Clean-up.** Address social, political and legal issues related to AML cleanup within current regulatory structure and envision potential Good Samaritan protections. Issues discussed include: Legal Issues, AML/Good Samaritan Issues, Health, Safety & Environmental Issues, EPA discussion of Good Samaritan Issues.
- **Break-out and Planning.** How do we Implement Political and Legal Lessons Learned During the Morning and select Hardrock ALM Pilot Demonstration Projects? Three groups will address: 1) Political and Legal Mechanism for a Successful Demonstration, 2) Coalition Discussions for a Successful Demonstration, and 3) Candidate sites for AML Hardrock Demonstration Sites.
- **Feedback and Actionable Items.** The Goal of the final session is to fold in outcomes from the morning and early afternoon sessions and define next steps towards definition of effective pilot or demonstration projects that support suitable language for Good Samaritan Legislation. Included will be reports of the Working Sessions and Consolidated Group Conclusions.

This Summit is of interest to all stakeholders with an interest in accelerating the clean-up of existing hazardous/dangerous abandoned mines through Good Samaritan legislation. Stakeholders include individuals from mining companies, non-governmental organizations, academia, and local communities.

For more information about the Summit, and to participate, contact Betty Gibbs, Executive Director, MMSA, at contactmmsa@mmsa.net or 303-444-6032. Watch the MMSA Web page for updates: <http://www.mmsa.net>. [Sign up for your free ticket.](#)