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New Proposed Wilderness Areas for Mineral, Esmeralda, and Lyon Counties

By Jon Brown

What started out as a modest wilderness proposal by the Nevada Wilderness Project of 288,000 acres for these three counties has grown to more than 600,000 plus acres (not including Esmeralda County)

As part of the County Land Bill process in Nevada, wilderness advocates have succeeded in making new wilderness areas a mandatory condition of any Federal land bill for these counties struggling to solve public land issues facing them. Ranging from town site issues in Esmeralda County, to a lack of sufficient private land for growing communities in Lyon County, the solution to these public land issues seems inexplicably conjoined with the requirement of having new wilderness areas included in any land bill.

When confronted by county residents opposing new wilderness areas in their counties the response to date has been that you can't have one without the other.

In the box to the right is a list of proposed wilderness areas in just Mineral and Lyon counties:

Wilderness (acres)		
Area	Proposed by Friends of Nevada Wilderness	Proposed Study Area
Agai Pah Hills N	14,306	
Agai Pah Hills S	20,308	10,210
Aurora	5,688	
East Canyon	15,207	5,935
East Sister	10,715	10,715
Excelsior	155,716	42,647
Gabbs Valley	81,736	13,803
Larken Lake	4,159	
Long Valley	50,459	19,971
Lyon Peak	13,601	8,396
Mount Etna	20,529	13,581
Mount Hicks	15,695	5,690
O'Banion Canyon	15,720	14,968
Pine Grove Hills E	6,071	5,271
Pine Grove Hills W	6,865	5,527
Rawe Peak	9,880	
Rough Creek	8,476	
Sleeping Dog	7,792	7,535
Sonoma Canyon	5,684	
West Wassuks	70,627	N/A
North	N/A	33,173
South	N/A	13,092
Wilson Canyon	8,749	5,138
Wovoka	87,240	16,155
Total:	635,223	231,807

For a citizen's perspective go to: <http://www.cfpa-nv.org/>

For Nevada Wilderness' perspective go to:

<http://www.wildnevada.org/> ♦

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President's Message

Proposed Wilderness Legislation

As we begin the summer in earnest, with The Elko Expo earlier this month and much on our Industry "Radar Screen" in Nevada, I thought I'd give you a preview of our efforts



Mark Amodei

in providing input to Nevada's Congressional Delegation regarding the proposed Wilderness legislation for Esmeralda, Mineral, and Lyon Counties.

It's not news to anyone that the emotions on all sides of this issue are elevated, and can be expected to continue in that posture for the indefinite future.

Any time Nevadan's discuss what are ultimately land use issues, you can expect spirits to run high.

Your Nevada Mining Association has undertaken the task of providing a wholly fact-based body of information to both Senators Reid and Ensign, and Congressman Heller. Our objective is to make sure that the record before our Representatives contains high quality infor-

mation regarding mineralization in the subject Nevada Counties. Information in map and text form dealing with historical, present, and exploratory operations is nearly ready for submission. The economic facts in terms of historical and present activity, and considerations for future policy decisions are set forth for informed consideration by all. In short, your NvMA has attempted to provoke thoughtful consideration of our concerns by those who will set policy for future land use.

Our industry depends on

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an objective and healthy view toward multiple land use at the Federal level. Any policy which seeks to exclude completely, or favor completely, a particular land use over another is one

that we hope does not carry the day ever. As stewards of the resources in our operating areas, our Industry has an excellent record of accommodation, collaboration, and effective communication. Your Nevada Mining Association will continue that tradition in the current Wilderness debate. I look forward to the submission of our information and the discussion ♦

Excellence in Education Award

The Nevada Mining Association is a proud sponsor of KRNV News 4's

Excellence in Education Award

We would like to congratulate April's and May's recipients:



Jennifer Hoy Vaughn Middle School

Excerpt from nomination letter by a former student:

Mrs. Hoy is the best teacher I have ever had and probably ever will. She goes above and beyond what is expected of her. Mrs. Hoy sets the bar high for her students in a way that makes them want to try and accomplish every assignment.

Every student that has ever had Mrs. Hoy will undoubtedly agree with me when I say, Mrs. Hoy was, and always will be, the best teacher I have ever had.

Mrs. Hoy has been teaching seventh and eighth grade English at Vaughn Middle school for seven years. Her students say she encourages them to reach for goals they never dreamed of, when it comes to school and life. And her passion for English and literature is easily passed on to students.

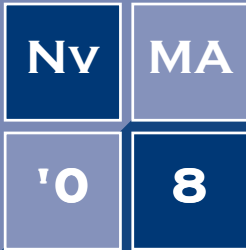
Megan Hardy Stead Elementary School

Excerpt from nomination letter by a parent:

I would like to nominate my son's teacher for your Excellence in Education award. My son attends Stead Elementary School, he is in the 5th grade. He has a teacher named Megan Hardy. She is an excellent educator, my son has gained so much self confidence in his ability to complete homework correctly. She is very patient but consistent. Words can not explain the improvements my family has seen. I would really like to recognize her with this award. She is the best teacher.

Stead Elementary School teacher Megan Hardy is making an impact on all her students, whether they are the ones who struggle or the stars of the class. She is May's Excellence in Education Award winner. She is a no non-sense teacher who parents rave about. They say somehow she finds a way to meet the needs of all her students, and her guidance goes beyond the classroom.





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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

By Julanne Kaufman

The Nevada Mining Association's Education Committee in partnership with the Nevada Division of Minerals has been holding workshops to educate teachers all across Nevada about the mining industry since 1983.

The committee is made up of a variety of people that are passionate about mining and geology. We have members of the committee from the Mackay School of Earth Science & Engineering, W.M. Keck Museum, Bureau of Land Management, Newmont Mining, Barrick Gold Corporation, Centerra (US) Gold, Women in Mining. Our newest member company on the committee is Rodeo Creek Gold and it doesn't end there. We also have committee members from the Washoe County School district and retired teachers.

Our workshop sessions offer materials and activities for grade levels k-12 and the classes the teachers take are of Nevada State standards. The teachers are able to take our workshop and earn recertification credit and continuing education credit etc.

As part of their credit requirement the teachers are offered half day field trips to various mine sites (depending on the workshop location), geological sites and even some of our supplier facilities.

To extend the fun, the workshop also offers an optional day field trip. Because of the length of time we

have for this day, we have offered trips to some pretty exciting venues. The last optional day field trip during our Southern Nevada workshop was out to Death Valley and historic Ryan, a former mining site owned by U.S. Borax.

This year's summer workshop will take place in historic Tonopah Nevada with field trips to Chemetall-Foote Minerals Silver Peak and Monte Cristo's Castle proposed State Park and a walking tour through Goldfield and Tonopah with a geology, history and biology lesson. The grand finale will be our optional day tour to Round Mountain Gold Mine and Belmont.

This year the Nevada Division of Minerals has generously offered a \$200.00 travel stipend to the first 75 teachers that register for our Northern Nevada workshop in Tonopah to help them cover travel costs.

We also receive very generous donations and prizes from our member companies to make the workshops the best that they can be. It truly never goes unnoticed.

The Suppliers Committee is also very dedicated to the Education Committee workshops and provides 10 - \$100.00 stipend checks for each workshop to help the teachers cover some of the costs that they may incur in the classroom that is not covered by their schools.

The committee meets once a month to plan two workshops each year. We hold one workshop in the spring in Las Vegas for the Southern Nevada population and one in various areas in the summer for our Northern Nevada population. These workshops take a good amount of planning and dedication. This is an effort that cannot be done without all of the volunteers that truly enjoy what they do.

Arloa Woolford, President of the Women in Mining Foundation, is one



Arloa Woolford

of our longest standing committee members and is unfortunately going to be retiring after serving on our committee for 20 years. Tonopah will be her farewell workshop. She is going to be missed by all.

The education committee is a very close knit group of individuals and it is genuinely felt when a member of the committee is absent.

This is our industry and we need to protect and maintain it in a very positive way by educating the public. As committee members retire or move on we find ourselves in a shortage of volunteers and it is extremely important that the committee is replenished with people that share the same passion and dedication to the industry.

Volunteers from all of our member companies are welcome and encouraged to get involved. Every one of our members plays a key role in the overall picture of the message we are trying to get out there.

If there is any member companies that have an employee that would like to have fun with participating in this committee's role with the mining industry's efforts to educate our teachers please contact Julanne Kaufman at (775) 829-2121 ext. 17 or jkaufman@nevadamin.org.

Strength in mining sector, software drew D&D buyer

Tires may be an old-fashioned business, but a high-tech solution developed by D&D Tire Inc. of Fernley helped attract a buyer for the company.

D&D Tire, which operates 10 tire service centers in Nevada and southern Idaho and has a big presence in the mining industry throughout the West, was acquired last week by Purcell Tire & Rubber Co. of Potosi, Mo. Both companies are privately held, and terms weren't disclosed. Purcell executives said, however, the combined companies will have sales of more than \$300 million a year.

Keith Butcher, executive president of Purcell Tire, said the two companies had been in contact for several years, but acquisition talks got started in earnest late last year.

Purcell is pushing to get bigger, and the mining industry is one of the areas it's targeted for growth. The acquisition of D&D Tire, Butcher said, will nearly double Purcell's sales of tires to the mining industry. A software package developed by D&D that delivers tire-management information to big customers also helped draw Purcell

to the Fernley company.

"That was a big motivator for us," said Butcher. He said some manufacturers have developed similar software, but D&D's is noteworthy because it's free of any ties to the products of an individual tire-maker.

The software product has been in strong demand in recent years, D&D executives said, because tight supplies of tires for off-road equipment such as the trucks and loaders used in surface-mining operations have boosted interest in careful management of tires.

D&D, which is believed to be the largest off-road tire dealer in Nevada, operates a repair facility for off-road tires at Eureka.

It also operates a retreading plant at Caldwell, Idaho, and it's been pushing retreading services as a cost-effective alternative to mining operators.

As the two companies talked seriously in recent weeks, Butcher said they discovered they are similar in everything from their structure to their operating philosophy.

"D&D is a smaller version of Purcell," he said. "They have really

approached the market on a sales basis from a service perspective. This is a great win for our customers."

D&D Tire was founded by Paul DiMartini in 1983 as an independent tire dealer, and Butcher said DiMartini consciously modeled some facets of the Nevada company on what he saw at Purcell.

DiMartini will continue as president of D&D Tire. Britt Johnson, vice president of D&D, and Phil Branen, director of mining for Purcell Tire, will serve as co-heads of the global mining operation for the newly merged companies.

D&D Tire employs about 180 people. DiMartini said the merger will give them more opportunities for advancement in a larger organization.

Purcell will operate D&D as a wholly owned subsidiary through the rest of this year. It then will transition D&D operations into Purcell's operating units, and a single brand will be launched, Butcher said. ♦

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