



April 2016

News & Notes from the Utah Mining Association

**5th Annual UMA Safety Conference and
Safety Awards Program**

Thanks to excellent member participation, the 5th Annual Safety Conference held earlier this month was a resounding success. The Utah Mining Association partners with the Utah Manufacturers Association to present this conference focusing on important safety issues within the mining and manufacturing industries.



We want to especially thank the conference sponsors for their generous support:

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Industrial Supply - One of the many great vendors exhibiting at the 2016 Safety Conference

Conference attendees learned of resources available to them through UP3, a program managed by Matt Beaudry that provides targeted resilience-building support to Utah's businesses and directly connects emergency management with the private sector.

Brad Livingston provided an inspirational luncheon presentation in which he spoke of the "ripple effect" of a workplace accident on those closest to you.

There also were eight excellent breakout sessions on mining and manufacturing safety issues. Many thanks to CS Mining, Lisbon Valley Mining Company, eCompliance, DevonWay, and the Utah Nuclear Engineering Program for spearheading the mining breakouts.

We also had the honor of presenting UMA's Annual Safety Awards during the conference. As a demonstration of the tremendous culture of safety that exists in Utah, 17 awards for outstanding safety performance were presented to 14 member companies.



Garth Nielsen accepts the UMA Safety Award for Savage Service's Energy Terminal from Ted Himebaugh (left) representing UMA's Board and Kent Houghton (right) representing the Utah Labor Commission



Jon Wickizer with Brahma Group takes a selfie while receiving the Safety Award

Congratulations to the following Utah Mining Association Annual Safety Award recipients (click [here](#) for links to photos of all award winners):

Bowie Resource Partners/Canyon Fuel Company
Skyline Mine
Sufco Mine

CS Mining

Energy Fuels Resources
White Mesa Mill

Lisbon Valley Mining Company

Rio Tinto Kennecott
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We look forward to seeing you at the 2017 Safety Conference!

Health & Safety

MSHA Stakeholder Meeting

Save the date for a Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) stakeholder meeting Monday April 25, 2016, with mining industry leaders for coal and metal/nonmetal.

MSHA will cover safety briefings, an update to Rules to Live By and the exam rule, and other topics. The meeting will be conducted in-person at MSHA's Arlington, Virginia headquarters and online via a webinar and teleconference.

You can [RSVP here](#) for the meeting and to let MSHA know if you'll be joining in-person or via phone/webinar. The meeting will run from 8 am to 10 am MDT.

More specific meeting logistics will be issued closer to the date.

NIOSH Safety Technology Awards



The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is now accepting nominations for their annual Mine Health & Safety Technology Innovation Awards. Nominations for the coal and metal/nonmetal awards are due by August 1, 2016.

The awards will be presented during a luncheon at MINExpo International 2016 in Las Vegas on September 27th.

More information on the awards and the nomination process can be found [here](#).

Education



Stonebridge Golf Club

UMA Education Golf Tournament

Registration is now open for the Annual Utah Mining Association Education Fundraiser Golf Tournament!

Please join us for a fun day of golf and support mining education in Utah. The Education Golf Tournament is the primary source of funding for the implementation of UMA's education initiatives to build greater understanding

and public support for Utah's mining and service-related industries.

[Register](#) early to reserve your spot! Deadline is June 13 or until full.

When

Tuesday, June 21

Registration and Continental Breakfast begins at 7 a.m.

Shotgun Start at 8 a.m.

Lunch, Awards, and Prizes following Golf

Where

Stonebridge Golf Club

4415 Links Drive

West Valley City, UT

Support Mining Education: *Become an Education Patron!*

As you know, the Utah Mining Association is implementing a proactive education and communications plan to broaden the public's perspective of the vital contributions mining makes to everyone's lifestyle and standard of living.

A robust Public Education Fund is required to execute our strategic plan, so we have initiated an Education Patron program through which you can donate directly to our important education programs.

2016 UMA Education Patrons

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R.J. Bayer - Professional Geologist



UMA Performs Extensive Market Research

Over the course of December 2015 and January 2016, the Utah Mining Association completed extensive market research to better understand the public's perception, awareness and reception to key messages about the mining industry. This research was

conducted in Utah through focus groups, a phone survey, and an online survey.

The results were overwhelmingly positive. Participants recognized the valuable contributions mining makes to the economy, job market, and production of necessary materials. Those who viewed mining practices unfavorably presented concerns about the environmental impact, safety, and air quality.

It is important to note that those who had the opportunity to visit a mine, visitor center, or education site stated that it greatly improved their outlook on mining.

Based on the findings, UMA will be able to more effectively engage with the public to address their concerns and help them gain a better understanding of mining in Utah.

You can read the summary results [here](#). We also are happy to share the raw data to assist members in your own public outreach efforts. Simply

contact us for a copy of the full report.

Social Media

We want to share your story! With Earth Day just around the corner, please take the opportunity to share with us your efforts to strengthen communities or improve landscapes. The Utah Mining Association intends to take full advantage of social media to increase awareness of the importance of mining, highlight the good work you do, and help promote our members.

Please contact UMA's communications specialist, [Jocelyn Jaszowski](#), to have UMA share your story.

Legislative



Utah Legislative Session

The 45-day General Session of the Utah Legislature adjourned on March 10. Under the leadership of David Bird and Des Barker, UMA's Legislative Committee met jointly with the Utah Manufacturers Association on a weekly basis during the session, tracked approximately 120 pieces of legislation directly or indirectly impacting the mining industry, and provided excellent guidance in our lobbying efforts.

Although we engaged in many legislative topics, a few of the major issues we worked included:

- *Removal of the 3-year life requirement for the manufacturing and mining sales tax exemption.* This is a multi-year effort to eliminate a tax on inputs that is a barrier to business investment in Utah. After receiving an affirmative vote in the Senate in 2015, the House overwhelmingly passed this legislation this year. The full legislature has now acknowledged this is the right policy, if we can pay for it. We will continue to work with legislators on funding solutions get this tax policy implemented.
- *Test and Training Range land exchange approval.* The lands SITLA will gain in the exchange are lands of high mineral potential and

will position the Utah mining industry for growth.

- *Severance Tax Exemption for Oil Shale, Oil Sands and Coal-to-Liquids*. The severance tax exemption for these technologies was extended for another 10 years.
- *High Cost Infrastructure Tax Credit Amendments*. Originally passed in 2015, legislation this year made changes to the composition of the Utah Energy Infrastructure Authority Board and authorized the Office of Energy Development to make rules to implement this important tax credit program.
- *Sage-Grouse Compensatory Mitigation Program*. The Utah Department of Natural Resources was authorized to develop a compensatory mitigation program for greater sage-grouse consistent with the Utah Conservation Plan. This will be an important component of moving projects forward in sage-grouse habitat.

We also worked closely with other business and association allies in tracking legislation of importance to the business community in general to maintain a favorable business environment.

To view the UMA bill tracking list, click [here](#). The list includes links to the legislature's website for each piece of legislation. Also feel free to contact us anytime with questions.

Regulatory

BLM Planning 2.0 Initiative

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published its proposed rule to revise the procedures used to prepare, revise, or amend land use plans pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

Commonly referred to as the [Planning 2.0](#) initiative, the proposed rule is aimed at "landscape-scale" resource management with an increased emphasis on the role of science and early public involvement from states and tribes.

UMA is working with members and our industry partners to develop formal comments on the proposed rule.

The original comment deadline of April 25 was recently extended to May 25.

Moratorium on Federal Coal Leasing

As previously reported, the Obama Administration [announced](#) a moratorium on issuing new leases for federal coal. The BLM recently initiated the programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) to review the federal coal program.

The purpose of the PEIS is "to identify and evaluate potential reforms to ensure the program is properly structured to provide a fair return to the taxpayers and reflect its impacts on the environment, while continuing to help meet the nation's energy needs."

As part of the public comment process to define the scope of the PEIS, BLM plans to hold a series of public meetings:

- Salt Lake City, UT;
- Grand Junction, CO;
- Caper, WY
- Knoxville, TN;
- Pittsburgh, PA; and
- Seattle, WA

Dates and times have yet to be scheduled, but we understand they will occur in late May/early June. When available, meeting logistics and details can be obtained [here](#). We certainly will inform our members when the Salt Lake City and Grand Junction meetings are scheduled. Written comments on the scope of the PEIS will be accepted until 30 days after the final public meeting.

UMA is working with the National Mining Association and our industry partners to drive turnout at the public meetings and to provide concise and unified message points.

The County Seat: The Defense of Coal

Following the announcement of the federal coal moratorium, The County Seat television program dedicated an episode to the issue titled "The Defense of Coal."

Utah Mining Association president Mark Compton participated in a panel discussion with Dr. Laura Nelson, Utah Office of Energy Development executive director, and Sevier County Commissioner Gordon Topham highlighting the local, national and international impacts of the moratorium.



To view the episode, click [here](#).

Greater Sage-Grouse Update

On April 22, the BLM will hold a workshop in Salt Lake City "to ensure collaboration and engagement" during implementation of the federal greater sage-grouse plans. You must [RSVP](#) to BLM for the event.

As part of the stakeholder dialogue, the BLM plans to provide an explanation of the policies surrounding their greater sage-grouse conservation plans, extend opportunities for stakeholders to provide input, and conduct table top exercises to further illustrate how these plans will play out on the ground. They also plan to discuss the next steps in the conservation effort, including plans for evaluating and adjusting these plans where needed.

BLM Greater Sage-Grouse Workshop
Friday, April 22
8 am - 5:30 pm
Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown (215 S. Temple)
[RSVP Here](#)

The BLM suggested being present for the 8 am presentation, if possible.

You will recall that in conjunction with finalizing the Land Use Plan Amendments for the greater sage-grouse, the Department of the Interior (DOI) has proposed to withdraw from mineral entry for up to 20 years approximately 10 million acres range-wide in what are known as "Sagebrush Focal Areas." Of that 10 million acres, approximately 230,000 acres are proposed for withdrawal in Utah in Box Elder, Cache and Rich counties.

DOI is working to complete the draft EIS for the proposed withdrawal in time to publish in the Federal Register in late summer/early fall.

The National Mining Association produced a [fact sheet](#) and [video](#) explaining the adverse impacts of the proposed withdrawal on America's mineral security.

Revised Mitigation Policy

In response to a presidential memorandum from November 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) published [proposed revisions](#) to its existing mitigation policy.

The revised policy calls for a "landscape-scale" approach to achieve a "net gain in conservation outcomes, or, at a minimum, no net loss of resources and their values, services, and functions resulting from proposed actions."

The comment period for the proposed policy closes on May 9.

The U.S. Forest Service also is developing agency policy concerning mitigation of adverse impacts in response to the presidential memorandum. The Forest Service anticipates proposing its policy in June.

Clean Power Plan Update

Following an extraordinary 5-4 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court granting a stay on the EPA's Clean Power Plan (CCP) pending judicial review of the rule by the U.S. Court of Appeals, the State of Utah has suspended its stakeholder process to develop a state implementation plan.

Utah is among 27 states challenging the Clean Power Plan. For more information on Utah's CCP response and the stakeholder process, click [here](#).

The stay will remain in effect until the case reaches the Supreme Court, which it is not likely to until mid-2017. The case is scheduled for argument before the D.C. Circuit Court on June 2, with a decision expected this fall.

Member & Industry News



Norwest Announces New Leadership

Robert (Bob) Evans, President of Norwest Corporation's U.S. Operations, retired as of the end of March. Bob had worked in the coal industry since 1969, and joined Norwest in their Salt Lake City office in 1998. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Utah Mining Association since 2003.

UMA would like to congratulate Bob on a well-deserved retirement and thank him for his many years of excellent service to UMA and the mining industry.

We also would like to congratulate Carl Pollastro on being appointed President of Norwest's U.S. Operations effective April 1. Carl joined Norwest in 2009 and most recently worked as Sr. Vice President, Engineering/International.

Carl has worked in the industry for over 35 years. During that time, he worked for Interwest Mining Company, Energy West Mining Company, Emery Mining Company, Soldier Creek Coal Company, and Kaiser Steel Company holding numerous engineering and management positions.



Bob Evans



Carl Pollastro



BLM Open Houses for Enefit Project

The BLM will host three upcoming open houses to allow the public an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a utility corridor needed to serve Enefit American Oil (EAO)'s Utah oil shale project.

The meetings will be held from 6 pm - 8 pm on:

- May 3 at the Uintah County Library in Vernal (2014 E. 100 N.)
- May 4 at the Western Rio Blanco Recreation & Park District in Rangely, Colorado (611 S. Stanolind Ave.)
- May 5 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Salt Lake City (4975 Wiley Post

Way)

UMA encourages supporters of Enefit's Utah Project to attend one of the public meetings to express support. You may also send comments to the BLM at UT_Vernal_Comments@blm.gov no later than June 7. The DEIS document can be viewed [here](#).

Talking points for use at the public meetings or in submitting written comments can be found [here](#).

Komatsu Receives SHARP Award

Komatsu Equipment Company was awarded the prestigious Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) Award from the Utah Labor Commission's Occupational Safety & Health division (UOSH).



Komatsu Receives SHARP Award from UOSH

The SHARP program recognizes employers who operate an exemplary safety and health management system.

Congratulations to Komatsu for this outstanding achievement.

The SHARP ceremony also provided an opportunity for UMA to present the Komatsu employees with the UMA Annual Safety Award.



UMA Presents Komatsu with a Safety Award



Utah Ranked in Top 10 Mining Jurisdictions in the World

Utah cracked the top 10 in the list of the world's friendliest investment regions for mining in the annual [Survey of Mining Companies 2015](#) by the Fraser Institute, coming in at number nine.

Nevada and Alaska were the only other U.S. states to make the top ten.

The Fraser Institute's survey canvassed the opinions of 449 mining executives and managers worldwide on the policies and the mineral resources of 109 global jurisdictions.

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To join this prestigious group, click [here](#) to view UMA sponsorship opportunities, or contact [Marilyn Tuttle](#) in the UMA office.

Calendar

Upcoming Events



Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute Four Corners Meeting
- April 28-29, 2016 - Grand Junction, CO ([Info](#))

2016 Utah Taxes Now Conference
- May 16, 2016 - Salt Lake City, UT ([Info](#))

Governor's Utah Energy Development Summit
- May 24-25, 2016 - Salt Lake City, UT ([Info](#))

UMA Education Golf Tournament
- June 21, 2016 - Stonebridge Golf Club in West Valley City ([Info](#))

RMCMCMI Annual Meeting
- June 26-28, 2016 - Steamboat Springs, CO ([Info](#))

101st Utah Mining Association Annual Convention, Exhibition & Golf Tournament
- August 10-12, 2016 - Utah Valley Convention Center in Provo and Hobbie Creek Golf Course in Springville

MINExpo
- September 26-28 - Las Vegas, NV ([Info](#))

Thank you for your continuing support.

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