



Women's Mining Coalition had another successful Fly-In in 2013, our 21st annual trip to Washington DC.

By the numbers, we had **48** women from **19** states participate in **222** meetings on the Hill (compared to **179** meetings during the 2012 Fly-In, an increase of **24%**), all in **3 ½** days. We met directly with **63%** of the House offices we contacted for visits and **65%** of the Senate offices we contacted. In addition to the face to face meetings with Congressmen, Senators, and staff, we dropped off information to **78** offices, occasionally with the chance to speak to staff members that handle resource issues. Thus, the total number of offices that were visited was **300!**

This year, we made an extra effort to schedule meetings with staff at various regulatory agencies. This effort resulted in productive meetings with the following offices and staff:

EPA: Nancy Stoner, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, and Ellen Gilinsky, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Water

U.S. Forest Service: Tim DeCoster, Chief of Staff for Chief Tom Tidwell, and Cal Joyner, Assistant Deputy Director

Office of Surface Mining: Glenda Owens, Deputy Director, and Michele Altemus, Chief of Staff

BLM: Mike Nedd, Assistant Director for Minerals and Realty Management

Our issues were not only well-received by, but in many cases, familiar to the staffers and members with whom we spoke. Many have asked for digital copies of our **12** issue papers, which they plan to use as reference materials during the 113th Congress. Quite a few staffers remembered us from last year; they welcomed the opportunity to hear from us again and be updated on the progress of various continuing issues, as well as become informed on new ones. Our issues covered both coal (GHG, coal ash, dust rule, fill material, emissions standards, SBZ rule) and hardrock (financial assurance, sage grouse, critical & strategic minerals, minerals reliance, incinerator regulations). Perhaps one of the best signs that our mining advocacy is effective is the fact that **5** mining-related bills passed out of committee in the House during the week following the Fly-In.

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