



Women's Mining Coalition celebrates a successful 2014 22nd annual Fly-In to Washington D.C.

By the numbers, we had **50** women from **16** states participate in **235** meetings on the Hill (an increase of **6%** over 2013 and **31%** over 2012), all in **3 ½** days. We met directly with **64%** of the House offices we contacted (an increase of **3%** over 2013) and **74%** of the Senate offices we contacted (an increase of **11%** over 2013). In addition to the face to face meetings with Congressmen, Senators, and staff, we dropped off information to **75** offices, occasionally with the chance to speak to staff members that handle resource issues. Thus, the total number of offices that were visited was **310!**

WMC Advisory Council member Tom Altmeyer and his coworker, Rachel Rogier, of Arch Coal assisted in scheduling meetings with staff at various regulatory agencies. This effort resulted in productive meetings with the following offices and staff:

U.S. Forest Service: Tim DeCoster, Chief of Staff for Chief Tom Tidwell; Emily Blount, Director of Engineering; Deidre McGee, Liaison Specialist/Program Analyst, Minerals & Geology

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

BLM: Karen Mouritsen, deputy to Mike Nedd, Assistant Director for Minerals and Realty Management; Mitch Leverette, Division Chief of Solid Minerals; Rick Deery, Acting Deputy Chief of Solid Minerals; Tim Barnes, Oregon office of the BLM

US Fish & Wildlife Service: Dan Ashe, Director, and Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Ecological Services

EPA: Ellen Gilinsky, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Water; Scott Wilson, wastewater permitting for coal, gas, electric generation; Steve Liverborne, general counsel; Dave Evans; Greg Peckham, attorney; Marcus Oberstein, 402 permits; Andrew Sawyers, office of wastewater

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 **13** issue papers, which they plan to use as reference materials. 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 and hardrock, as shown below:

Critical and Strategic Minerals
Dirt Tax
EPA Overreach
Financial Assurance
Redefining Fill Material

Sage Grouse
Stream Buffer Zone Rule
Section 404 Permits
Waters of the US Definition
Permitting Delays

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Rare Element Resources	Murray Energy
United Bulk Terminals	Express Marine
Kirby Ocean Transport Company	Clean Coal Solutions LLC
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