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The Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs Inc. (FMDAC) was organized in 1984 as a legislative and educational organization and incorporated, as a non-profit, non-commercial, non-partisan organization.

The Mission: The FMDAC is dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and protection for the hobby of recreational metal detecting and prospecting.

The Purpose: To unite, promote and encourage the establishment of metal detecting clubs. To preserve the sport / hobby of recreational metal detecting and prospecting. To make available to FMDAC clubs and Independent members information pertaining to the hobby and to keep members informed as to active legislation.

The Goal: is to Educate and inform the public as to the merits of recreational metal detecting.

What is a News Gram? The news gram provides a brief look into news events for the past month. The intent of the news gram is to provide you, the FMDAC reader, with news clips on what took place in the hobby last month. The News Gram is configured like a webpage and must be read online for the article links to work.

FMDAC President's Message

Hello All.

Please read the information from PLP below. Although this does not directly affect the metal detecting hobby we are all from the same mold. Any improvements to the general "treasure" related hobbies helps us all in the long run. There are many in the metal detecting hobby who are also gold prospectors so lets help each other out here. Please read it over and make some comments in support.

I will also make the announcement that our first target recovery certification will take place at Treasure Week at Fox Den Acres in July. This will be a test run to see how it works out. Do not know exactly when it will happen during the week but most likely on the first weekend. I will give more details later. The basic theme is that it is a hands on course. Each person will have to actually demonstrate to a reasonable standard that they can properly recover a target. There will be some sit down "classroom" time followed by demonstrations of proper recovery techniques. Hopefully we can start turning around the poor recovery techniques we are seeing being displayed all over the internet.

Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President

News

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Other News

- Denison man robbed at gunpoint over metal detector, shovel. [Article Link](#)
- Former Woods House land dug up in community archaeology dig. [Article Link](#)
- 'This could be the find of a lifetime!': Man stages an elaborate proposal by burying an engagement ring in the woods before taking his girlfriend on a metal detecting hike to discover' the buried treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure Hunters Claim Pennsylvania State Officials Blocking Dig for Lost Civil War Gold. [Article Link](#)
- Unearthing the history beneath James Madison's Montpelier. [Article Link](#)
- Flindt on Friday: Why metal detectorists keep bugging me. [Article Link](#)
- Springfield man with metal detector unearths artillery shell in North End. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting group displays its Burlington catch. [Article Link](#)
- Letting the rings go in the sand. [Article Link](#)
- **American Mining Rights Assn** is not a gold club but rather an advocacy group for miners and public land users to preserve and maintain their rights as they pertain to access to their public lands. [March News](#)
- **Garrett Searcher** [Latest Magazine](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [March News](#)
- **JW Fisher** Selfless Servants, Always Ready; Public Safety Dive Teams [March Press Release](#)
- **Lost Treasure E-Magazine** [March Issue](#)
- **Minelab Go-Find Detectors** [Press Release](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [March News](#)
- **White's Discover** [March/April Magazine](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [April Newsletter](#)

Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland

South Region: Art Di Filippo
California, Hawaii, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida

- Twins' Detecting Hobby Turns up 1923 Shreveport Medal. [Article Link](#)
- The Curse of Oak Island: Matty Blake says everything 'absolutely real' on show. [Article Link](#)
- They found bullets, bottles and a what? [Article Link](#)
- Alum's metal detecting club scours Hughes Stadium property for lost items. [Article Link](#)
- The Curse of Oak Island season finale: Money Pit dive, gemstone revelations and quit or continue time. [Article Link](#)
- Metal-detecting fan hunts for historical artifacts in Orange County. [Article Link](#)
- Twin brothers' detecting hobby turns up interesting Shreveport medal. [Article Link](#)
- The Curse of Civil War Gold: \$140million worth of bullion at bottom of Lake Michigan? [Article Link](#)

- **GO Wireless** with your [Garrett Pro-Pointer](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Man with metal detector finds, returns engagement ring. [Article Link](#)
- A ring lost in Hawaii is on its way home to Yorkton man. [Article Link](#)
- Mobile woman finds surgeon's class ring in Hillsdale Heights. [Article Link](#)
- It's a miracle! Engagement ring lost in the snow in Harborough has been FOUND!. [Article Link](#)
- A lost gold ring becomes an instrument of 'divine intervention'. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

North America Archaeology News

- A rare hoard of 2,000 year-old gold coins have been found in a farmer's field near Chiddingstone. [Article Link](#)
- Norwich couple unearth valuable Roman coin hoard on Norfolk farm. [Article Link](#)
- 15th century pot of gold found during excavation near Dutch city. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunter digs into mud after 'hearing weird scrape' – what he finds is AMAZING . [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist's loot includes Roman and medieval coins and a convict's silver love token. [Article Link](#)
- Rare silver coin issued by rebel emperor Carausius who was the 'first Brexiteer' is sold for nearly £10,000 after being unearthed by a gardener. [Article Link](#)
- Historic findings at Llangollen metal detector charity event. [Article Link](#)
- Discovery of the Killingholme Treasure. [Article Link](#)

- Nor'easter uncovers wreck of Revolutionary War-era ship on Maine beach. [Article Link](#)
- USS Lexington found: Paul Allen finds aircraft carrier that saved Australia in World War II. [Article Link](#)
- ASU experts share must-see historic sites for Arizona Archaeology Month. [Article Link](#)
- 500 year-old pistol part found at Kannah Creek archaeological dig. [Article Link](#)
- Protecting Native American artifacts at Lake Nighthorse. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- University of Alabama searching for family of owner of radio struck by meteorite. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite stolen from exhibit at Science Museum of Virginia. [Article Link](#)
- Brilliant Fireball Lights Up the Sky Over Washington. [Article Link](#)
- Bright-Red Meteorite Seen Above Russia's Urals Stuns Viewers (VIDEO). [Article Link](#)
- Not every day you find a meteorite in the garden. [Article Link](#)

Public Lands for the People (PLP) Gold Prospecting Accomplishment

PLP News Release

We are happy to report that we will be sending our Northern California Director, Clark Pearson and Scott Harn of the ICMJ (Mining Journal), to Washington D.C. this month to work on getting critical mining legislation passed with relief for the small-scale mining community. We are very excited about some recent developments and the direction that the Trump administration is heading. It is looking more and more like now is the time to get Congressional clarification regarding Federal mining law and to get rid of multi-layered regulation.

Public Lands for the People has a special fundraising effort underway for the month of March to take us towards our goals! Donate \$50 to PLP in March and receive one of these great PLP hats, \$10 worth of raffle tickets for our big annual raffle and renew your membership! Send donations to the address below now. Don't miss out. Help us to help you! [Read More](#)

PLP Press Release We Have Some Big News!

PLP has a proposed small miner amendment to Federal Senate Bill (S 145) sponsored by Senator Dean Heller (R-NV). This small miner amendment, written by our legal researcher Clark Pearson, solves most of the small miner's regulatory problems observed by PLP over the last 28 years. A tremendous amount of research and on the ground practical knowledge has gone into this amendment. This amendment was written by a working small miner to help all

Public Lands for the People wishes to encourage all prospectors, recreationalists and claim holders that have road access use not maintained by the State or County road departments within the West Mojave Conservation and Planning Area to comment. This area includes Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, CA.

Most importantly, if you have a mining claim or favorite prospect site that has road access, make sure the BLM has this route in the system and state it must remain open for your ingress and egress. Otherwise, the BLM will consider it a candidate for closure for lack of use.

Deadline to make your comments is June 14th 2018. Please see the Federal Register notice below for contact information: Attend BLM's Public Meetings for West Mojave OHV Travel Management Planning!

The Bureau of Land Management has published a notice marking the release of its draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and draft Land Use Plan Amendment to manage OHV recreation within the West Mojave Planning Area in Southern California. The West Mojave Planning Area comprises approximately 9.4 million acres of land. Within the planning area, BLM administers approximately 3.1 million acres of public lands.

BLM states that the draft SEIS evaluates existing OHV routes and proposes a route network that "balances access with the protection of sensitive resources."

miners, big and small. It provides clear and concise regulatory certainty in dealing with all regulatory bodies the miner faces today. It places clear respect for the "Right of Self-Initiation" under the 1872 Mining Law grant and distinguishes certain permitting to be approved by operation of law, holding the agencies truly accountable to mitigation time limits. It sets straight, clarifies and solves sticking points that have caused years of litigation and grief to the mining community from the State and Federal levels and it does it all in only 5 pages! These 5 pages will remove massive amounts of red-tape from the backs of small miners as well as big operators. This amendment addresses: NEPA, MSHA, casual use that does not require a NOI or PO, due process, Forest Service regulations, State regulations/opting out at the discretion of the miner, EAJA, mineral withdrawals, mitigation time limits/approval by operation of law, and undue regulatory interference by State agencies. PLP is presently seeking co-sponsors on the House and Senate side.

This small miner amendment is a must read and should go down as the most important piece of legislation to help the mining industry in a long, long time. It is available for viewing on PLP's website at: www.publiclandsforthepeople.org. ICMJs Prospecting and Mining Journal also has it available for viewing and comment at: www.icmj.com and has been documenting our progress in Washington, D.C. The ICMJ has taken the lead to receive individual miner and mining association endorsements in support of the "Small Miner Amendment" on their Facebook page.

In March 2018, PLP hand delivered a request to a deputy director for administrator Scott Pruitt of the EPA signed by seven members of the Idaho State legislature in order to clear the controversy of what we perceive as unlawful NPDES permitting of suction dredgers in the United States. The progress is being extensively covered and documented by the Mining Journal and we hope to provide suction dredge miners tremendous relief soon.

BLM's announcement also commenced a 90-day public comment period.

Public Meetings:

It is important for OHV enthusiasts to stay involved in the public lands management process by attending public meetings and having your voices heard. BLM invites members of the public to attend one of the following meetings from 5:00-7:00 pm:

- April 17 - Hilton Garden Inn, 12603 Mariposa Rd., Victorville, CA 92395
- April 18 - Kerr McGee Center, 100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555
- April 24 - Statham Hall (Lone Pine Senior Center), 138 N. Jackson St., Lone Pine, CA 93545
- April 25 - Joshua Tree Community Center, 6171 Sunburst St., Joshua Tree, CA 92252

Submit Comments

Comments are due on June 14, 2018. Comments on the SEIS may be submitted by: email: blm_ca_wemo_project@blm.gov
 fax: 951-697-5299 with Attn: WMRNP Plan Amendment
 mail: Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, Attn: WMRNP Plan Amendment, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

Additional Info

- [Draft Land Use Plan Amendment/Draft SEIS](#)
- [BLM Press Release](#)
- [Federal Register Notice](#)

Thank you,
 Ron Kliewer
 PLP President

Hunt Events and Shows

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2018/19 hunt information on the web. The sooner it is out and available to the metal detecting community the greater the chance for people to see it and give your event some consideration.

Other Hobby Related Show Calendars

- [Antique Bottle Show](#)
- [Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors](#)
- [Coin Shows](#)
- [Numismaster Coin Shows](#)
- [Insulator Shows](#)
- [CFMS Society & Club Shows](#)
- [Club-Sponsored Mineral Shows](#)

- **April 03, 2018** (Five Day)
Stanton, Arizona
2018 Outing: Spring Common Dig "Dirt Part LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **April 07, 2018** (One Day)
Stanton, Arizona
2018 Open Detector Hunts: Kids to Pros at Stanton
GPAA & the Lost Dutchmans Mining Assn
- **April 07, 2018** (One day)
Harlingen, Texas
8th Annual Hunt
Rio Grande Valley Metal Detecting Club
- **April 07, 2018** (Two Days)
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

- **April 13, 2018** (Three Days)
Riverside, California
31th Annual Hunt Rendezvous
West Coast Prospectors and Treasure Hunters
- **April 14, 2018** (One Day)
Cumberland, Rhode Island
First Annual "Pound The Ground"
Rhode Island Relics
- **April 14, 2018** (One Day)
Orlando, Florida
6th Annual Sunshine Shootout & Relic Hunt
Central Florida Metal Detecting Club
- **April 14, 2018** (Two Days)
Cashmere, Washington
19th Annual Gold & Treasure Show
North Central Washington Prospectors
- **April 20, 2018** (Three Days)
Temple, Texas
2018 - Annual Texas Treasure Show
TAMDC - Texas Assn of Metal Detecting Club
- **April 21, 2018** (Two Days)
Las Vegas, Nevada
2018 Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- **April 21, 2018** (One Day)
Portage, Indiana
XP Deus Boot Camp
Instructor: Andy Sabisch
- **April 21, 2018** (One day)
Millington, Tennessee
- **April 21, 2018** (One Day)
Virginia Beach, Virginia
31th Annual Hunt
Tidewater Coin and Relic Club
- **April 21, 2018** (Two Days)
Blacksburg, South Carolina
16th Treasure Hunt of The Carolinas
Joyce and Randy Gatchel
- **April 21, 2018** (One Day)
Nashville, Tennessee
2018 Memphis Metal Detecting Club Spring Hunt
- **April 22, 2018** (One Day)
Portage, Indiana
The Minelab FBS Bootcamp
Minelab
- **April 24, 2018** (Five Day)
Marlborough, New Hampshire
BONE #25 In Memory of Howard Johnson
Streeters Treasure Hunting
- **April 28, 2018** (One Day)
Toldeo, Ohio
XP Deus Boot Camp
Instructor: Andy Sabisch
- **April 28, 2018** (One Day)
Wabasso, Florida
10th Annual Treasurehunters
Cookout
Treasure_Hunter
- **April 28, 2018** (One Day)
Raidersburg, Montana
Annual Claim Jumper Metal

2018 LRRC Spring Club Hunt
Lancaster Research & Recovery Club

2018 Spring Hunt-Members Only
Memphis Metal Detecting Club

Detector Hunt
Headwaters Chapter of the GPAA

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