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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.

Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President's Message

Hello All.

I want to add (once again) to what Don has said. This is as a result of seeing yet another video of digging in parks with a shovel and showing some really horrible holes with piles of dirt all around the holes. After calling them out on it the poster justified their actions by claiming that it was just fine and they are looked at by the local authorities as the poster people for proper digging. This is from a group in the Chicago area. It IS NOT OK.

I have been in this hobby for over 40 years and recovered probably over 100,000 targets. I have also been fighting detecting bans all over the country for 2 decades. Many of them as a result of exactly what was displayed in this Facebook video. Well you aren't snowing me! I stand by what I have said. The interesting part is that this shovel use in parks has become so widespread that I was actually made to look like a troublemaker with some others chiming in that they use shovels for this and that reason. Well it IS NOT OK.

Its time that everyone start calling out these people. Do not let them get away with posting their bad habits on the internet for all to see. Not only are the novices seeing this crap and thinking it is ok but anyone and everyone can view it. This includes parks personnel and other officials who now know why the ground in their parks is tore up.

I just do not understand these people justifying these actions. There is no justification. When the areas get closed you have no one but yourself to blame.

IF YOU USE A SHOVEL IN A PARK YOU ARE IN THE WRONG.
Learn how to do it properly or get out of my hobby.

Florida Beach Law

This is a law that is misunderstood. It is not a law aimed at metal detecting. Metal detecting gets caught up in it as does every activity you can come up with. This is a private property rights issue. It came about due to growing disputes over privately owned beach property.

Beach front property lines generally go to the mean high tide line. That basically means the dry sand. Below that is public. This is not just private homes, but clubs, condos and hotels. Yes, beaches in front of hotels are private property. Due to the increase of beach use over the years some

So what did the locality do? They passed a local law making all beaches public access. That is really what spurred this state law. Actually it is not a new law. A section or two was added to an existing law specifically naming beachfront property. In addition any access law after 2016 is void. No new laws can be made to that end. A process for that is spelled out in the "new" sections. They must inform all property owners and hold hearings. They must then go in front of a judge and state their case. The judge will determine, under a set of rules, if public access will be granted.

Let's look at this in another light. If you own property next to a park would you allow park visitors to use your property as part of the park? Additionally if public access is granted then why should they pay taxes on it?

Ok so how does this effect metal detecting? Well it technically is private property. So if you are not on a "public" beach then you are probably on some form of private beach. Be it a hotel or private residence or vacation home. Some have already, and have for years, put up private property signs. With this new change you may see signs and maybe even some sort of fences on the beach itself.

Time will tell how this all plays out. My gut feeling is that most probably will not care if someone is passing thru the beach with a metal detector. If there are signs up then avoid it. Just be sure to follow the hobby rules at all times. Pick up your trash signals and maybe even some of the trash that you see on the sand. Also fill your holes. The other thought is that unless it is adjacent to a public area then there very well may be little if anything to be found. Of course the treasure coast is a different story. Bottom

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

hotels have begun blocking off public access at certain peak times in order to allow their own guests to be able to use the beach. Homeowners have reported problems with beachgoers leaving trash, partying, and vandalism and even utilizing their chairs and decks. Now to be fair those are few in numbers but they are the problems. In addition in one area the government sold off beachfront years ago for big dollars plus the tax benefits. Now those people are exercising their property rights.

line is that if it is a private beach then standard permission rules apply. A tough pill to swallow in some cases but no different then looking out your widow and seeing some stranger doing whatever activity on your front lawn.

Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President

Don Hayes, FMDAC Central Region Director

Hello All.

Not much going on in the Central States that I know of so I would like to talk about something that is very important to everyone in the hobby, proper target recovery. This is the main reason many parks and public land are being closed to metal detecting. I have seen it first hand and I will agree that the way some people leave their holes is plain awful. If you are digging in a park, school or other public or private property you need to leave the area cleaner than you found it. This means properly filling your holes to show the least damage possible and taking any trash with you to be disposed of properly. Remember you may want to hunt there again and using the right tool for the area you are hunting is very important and learning the correct way to remove your target is imperative.

This is why the FMDAC has been working very hard to come up with a Target Retrieval Certification Program. This is a training and certification program aimed at teaching proper target retrieval and digging tool selection. The course will teach proper tool selection for the area being hunted, how to dig a target without tearing up the ground and refilling your holes to make it look like you were never there. It is our hope that we can work together with local governments to allow hunting in public lands with the certification of the FMDAC training. The initial training class is planned to be run during Treasure Week in July in New Stanton PA. The training will be an in-work process so it will be changing as we get feedback from hunters and government offices.

We hope that everyone will take the course and help make the class better. Everyone needs to work together to change the bad publicity that detectorist have been given and show that we are not going to destroy property, we just want to enjoy our hobby.

Don Hayes Central Region Director FMDAC

News

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Other News

- Volunteers continue to clean up Old Joliet Prison. [Article Link](#)
- WWII soldier's knife returned to family. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunting at Old Storybook Island. [Article Link](#)
- Man arrested for metal detector robbery in Denison. [Article Link](#)
- Hidden Hazards: The hunt is on at Fort Custer -- for military training weapons left behind. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting tips for beginners. [Article Link](#)
- Staten Island man discovers safe in yard 7 years after it was stolen from neighbor. [Article Link](#)
- He's armed and detecting and looking for buried treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Rio History: Hunting for Artifacts. [Article Link](#)
- The best metal detector 2018: find your fortune (or at least some cool stuff). [Article Link](#)
- Native Insight: Northfield man finds 3,000-year-old axe on Vermont lakeshore. [Article Link](#)
- Spokane treasure hunters: Two men with metal detectors search for history. [Article Link](#)
- Palmer hosts Rockarama 2018, SA Metal Detecting Championships | PHOTOS, VIDEO . [Article Link](#)
- Delving Deep into Local History with the Stealth Diggers. [Article Link](#)
- Family finds folder of 1876 Proof set buried in yard. [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. [May News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [May News](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors** - PT-1; Pipe Tracking Made Easy for Land and Sea [May Press Release](#)
- **Lost Treasure E-Magazine** [May Issue](#)
- **PLP** [May News Release](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [May News](#)
- **White's Discover** [May/June Magazine](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [June Newsletter](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Winsford grandmother reunited with lost engagement ring. [Article Link](#)
- Miraculous Lost and Found on Coronado Beach. [Article Link](#)
- Osage class ring, lost for 57 years in Smallin Civil War Cave, reunited with lucky owner. [Article Link](#)
- Ring reunion: wedding ring back on Kilgore woman's finger after missing for months. [Article Link](#)
- Ky. Metal Hunter Finds Ohio Woman's Lost Class Ring. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

U.K. News

- Dorset Police warn members of the public to be vigilant on heritage crime following spate of incidents [Article Link](#)
- War erupts over metal detecting on Britain's battlefields. [Article Link](#)
- Bronington treasure on display at Wrexham Museum. [Article Link](#)
- Look what this Leeds father and son dug up while out metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Rare Roman ring found on Cumbrian beach. [Article Link](#)
- Norwegian Hobby Archaeologists Dig Up 9th-Century Trove, Get Reported to Police. [Article Link](#)
- Teen Uncovers Milk Cans Holding WWII Heirlooms from Aristocratic Prussian Family. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector strikes gold finding 4,000-year-old buried treasure in Yorkshire field. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure trove inquest in Plymouth - as it happened [Article Link](#)
- Caversham Heights Society. [Article Link](#)

- Native Insight: Northfield man finds 3,000-year-old axe on Vermont lakeshore. [Article Link](#)
- Hips Unearthed in Virginia Offer Glimpse of Colonial Era. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient artifacts seized from Hobby Lobby returned to Iraq. [Article Link](#)
- Adult mammoth bones found in Wyoming. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeology Field School Returning to Colonial Military Site. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Asteroid, Meteor, Meteorite and Comet: What's the Difference? [Article Link](#)
- Widening beaches might bring more hazards, researchers say. [Article Link](#)
- Palmer's Rockarama 2018 promises crystals, craft, SA Metal Detecting Championships. [Article Link](#)
- Northfield man finds 3,000-year-old axe on Vermont lakeshore. [Article Link](#)

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](#)

- **June 02, 2018** (One Day)
Riverside, California
2018 Annual Roundup
Riverside Treasure Hunters Club
- **June 02, 2018** (Two Days)
Grand Rapids, North Dakota
19th Annual Hunt
Minnkota Artifact Recovery Group
- **June 02, 2018** (One Day)
Shawsville, Virginia
27th Annual Open Hunt
Roanoke Valley Coin & Relic Club
- **June 06, 2018** (Five Days)
Loudmine, Georgia
2018 Loudmine Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn

- **June 09, 2018** (Two Days)
Roseburg, Oregon
2018 Gold and Outdoors Show
Douglas County Prospectors Assn
- **June 09, 2018** (Two Days)
New Stanton, Pennsylvania
6th Annual Silver Seekers Open Treasure Hunt
Silver Seekers
- **June 13, 2018** (Five Days)
Nebo, North Carolina
2018 June Vein Mountain Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **June 16, 2018** (Two Days)
Allegany, California
9th Annual Gold Show
Underground Gold Mining Museum
- **June 15, 2018** (Three Days)
East Durham, New York
Lost Treasure Weekend
The Black Thorne Resort
- **June 16, 2018** (One Day)
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
XP Deus Boot Camp
Instructors: Andy Sabisch
- **June 16, 2018** (One Day)
Palmer, Alaska
6th Annual Metal Detecting Hunt & BBQ/Potluck
MatSu Dirtfishers Assn

[Add Your Event Information Here](#)

- **June 16, 2018** (Two Days)
Hasting, Nebraska
44th Annual Hunt
Nebraska Land Treasure Hunters
- **June 19, 2018** (Two Days)
Kerrville, Texas
Texas Lions Camp for Disabled Children
- **June 22, 2018** (Two Days)
Sweet Home, Oregon
Annual Silver Hunt Competition
East Linn Treasure Seekers
- **June 22, 2018** (Three Days)
Athol, Idaho
46th Annual Treasure Hunt
Northwest Treasure Hunters Club
- **June 24, 2018** (One Day)
Seattle, Washington
5th Annual Hunt
Outlaws Metal Detecting Group
- **June 24, 2018** (One Day)
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
The Minelab FBS Bootcamp
Minelab & Andy Sabisch
- **June 27, 2018** (Six Days)
Columbia, California
2018 June Italian Bar Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **June 28, 2018** (Three Days)
Mancos, Colorado
2018 WWATS Rendezvous
WWATS - World Wide Assn of Treasure Seekers

[Select here to View the Complete Event Details for June](#)

Public Lands for the People - PLP News Release

The SMALL MINER AMENDMENT Update and Call to Action

We are overwhelmed with the support PLP has been receiving from around the country for the Small Miner Amendment. With over 2,000 endorsements and counting, this will help to make a greater impact because legislators will see the breadth of support from around the country for the Small Miner

Section 105: SMALL MINER EXEMPTION

30 USC § 803 - Mines subject to coverage
5 USC § 554 - Adjudications (MSHA)

Section 106: Review and revise existing federal regulations

36 CFR Part 9 MINERALS MANAGEMENT (DOI & NPS)

Amendment. In just a few weeks our Northern California Director, Clark Pearson and Scott Harn of the ICMJ (Mining Journal), will again be meeting in Washington D.C. with high level officials in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Interior (DOI), along with many legislators and their aides. We are working hard to get this critical mining legislation passed, providing regulatory relief for the small-scale mining community across the nation. **Help us to help you:** send us your endorsements of the Small Miner Amendment. You can read the complete language here: <http://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org/small-miner-amendments-to-s145/>

It seems there may be some confusion as to what PLP's proposed legislation is. It is NOT what MMAC has/ had in mind regarding Mining Districts. It is not the same bill at all. It is somewhat like doing arthroscopic surgery to cancerous laws, by using legislation to go in and make tiny incisions (corrections), in multiple places (various laws), to help the sick patient (the miners), heal up and restore full use of their mining rights. PLP's legal researcher Clark Pearson wrote the "Small Miner Amendments to S145. RECOGNITION OF THE LIMIT OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-INITIATION UNDER THE 1872 MINING ACT AND THE PERMISSIVE (PERMIT) SYSTEM FOR PURPOSES OF REGULATORY CERTAINTY"

As you read through the bill, you will see just how well the small-scale suction dredgers will benefit! Especially in Sec. 104.

It amends certain US Codes. Here are the current US Codes mentioned so you can more easily refer to and understand the amendments proposed to them (Thanks to Jann Higdem for setting up these links!):

SECTION 101: Improving regulatory accountability
[28 USC § 2412\(d\)\(1\)\(A\)](#) -Costs and fees

Section 102: Removing overlapping and duplicative authorities
[16 USC § 478](#) - Egress or ingress of actual settlers; prospecting
[16 USC § 551](#) - Protection of national forests; rules and regulations
[16 USC § 1604](#) - National Forest System land and resource management plans
[30 USC § 612](#) - Unpatented mining claims

Section 103: Uniform federal regulation
[43 USC § 1702](#) - Definitions
[43 USC § 1748c](#) - Bureau of Land Management Foundation
[42 USC § 4332](#) - Cooperation of agencies; reports; availability of information; recommendations; international and national coordination of efforts
[16 USC § 1536\(a\)\(2\)](#) - Interagency cooperation

Section 104: Mine operation exemptions from the Clean Water Act
[33 USC § 1362\(12\)](#) - Definitions: "discharge of a pollutant" and the term "discharge of pollutants"
[33 USC §§ 1341, 1342](#) or [1344](#)

[43 CFR Part 4](#) Dept. Hearings & Appeals; and (DOI)
[art 3800](#) - Mining Claims Under the General Mining Laws (DOI)
[36 CFR Part 228](#) - Subpart A, Locatable Minerals (USDA)
[30 CFR Parts 1-199](#) - Mineral Resources (MSHA);

Section 107: FEDERAL CONSENT ON PUBLIC LANDS None

Section 108: DISCRETION OF THE OWNER OR MINERAL OPERATOR
[30 USC § 43](#) Conditions of Sale by Local Legislature

Section 109: MINERAL WITHDRAWN LANDS
[43 USC § 1712\(e\)\(3\)](#) - Land Use Plans
[43 USC § 1714](#) - Withdrawals of Lands

You can read more about the Small Miner Amendment and also the need to write letters about MSHA issues right away at: <https://www.icmj.com/magazine/article/plp-and-mmacc-update-3815/>

Regarding letters of support for the "Small Miner Amendments to S145," please address them to your member of the US Senate or US House of Representatives. The Mining Journal is collecting the letters to take to D.C.

Completed letters can be sent to the Mining Journal by email to editor@icmj.com; by fax at (831) 479-4385; or by mail to:

ICMJ
Attn: Scott Harn
PO Box 2260
Aptos, CA 95001

As a personal means to show support for PLP's efforts, everyone should strongly consider becoming a member. The [cost is a mere \\$35/yr](#) . Keep in mind that PLP is not a prospecting or social club. We are an organization that focuses primarily on "mining rights" and protecting them without compromise! The majority of donations to PLP are from individuals making small donations. Every dollar goes into the fight! We are an all volunteer board, and your donation/ membership, raffle ticket purchase keeps us engaged in the battle.

Order your 2018 Grand Raffle tickets here: <http://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org/>; another prize is being added this month!

Also consider subscribing to the Mining Journal to keep abreast of the very latest mining and prospecting news and insights. <https://www.icmj.com/subscribe/>

Let's all work together to make an impact. Together we've taken some lands back for public multiple use as in the Eagle Mountains and other areas, now let's work together making history with these current activities to keep them! Why? Because it matters greatly to the next generation what we do now. We are the Patriots of our generation. It's about Mining Rights, it's about Freedom!

Ron Kliewer, PLP President [Website](#)