



## Jefferson on Good Government

“A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits” Thomas Jefferson, 1801

Miners, in their respective Mining Districts have the ability to duly elect representatives to make rules and regulations governing their mining activities (customs of miners) in contrast to executive agencies of today that answer to the whims of the President and the bureaucracy. These duly elected representatives will have a proposed term of 4 years such that they will be accountable to their constituents – the individual miner, just as it worked in the 1800’s. And quite successfully I might add.

Once the organized Mining Districts take shape, the Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC) can and will submit to Congress for a budget for the administrative functions and clarifications of the Mining District’s relationship with the other federal and state agencies. The MMAC website will have a resource section which explains what your fundamental rights are as miners. The claim owners in those districts elect all the miners that represent the districts and upper tiers - nobody is appointed.

Presently, MMAC has developed a draft bill called the Minerals & Mining Regulatory Reform Act – A Clear Path Respecting Mining Rights and handed it to the Congressional House Subcommittee on Natural Resources. This preliminary notice from MMAC to Congress is open for more discussion but covers and fixes many of the problems the mining industry face that has hit most miners especially hard. There are severe ambiguities in law that need to be clarified that stand as obstacles to the accomplishment of the National Minerals, Mining and Reclamation Policy Act of 1970 (codified under 30 U.S.C. 21a).

The MMAC will need the active participation by every miner, every mining organization, every claim holder and any other group that shares the multiple – use principles of our public lands. The tasks before us are for Americans that strive for accountability, self-determination, and for laws that are for and by the people. It could be said that miners can shine the light on the proper role of government in the darkest of tunnels.

The Mineral & Mining Advisory Council website is:  
[www.mmacusa.org](http://www.mmacusa.org)

Ben Franklin once was asked to comment about our newly formed government of the United States of America and he said: “It’s a republic, madam – if you can keep it”. Now I ask the miners of today, we have the Mining Districts - can we keep and run them?

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