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**Women's Mining Coalition  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fly-In to Washington D.C.  
April 30 -May 4, 2017**

The Women's Mining Coalition (WMC) is pleased to announce that its 25<sup>th</sup> annual Washington DC Fly-In will take place the week of April 30<sup>th</sup>. This year's Fly-In will be an especially important opportunity to discuss key hardrock and coal mining policy issues with the Trump Administration and Members of Congress.

Women from all facets of the mining industry and from across the country will gather that week in DC to meet with lawmakers and federal regulators. The focus of this year's Fly-In will be to urge policymakers to establish policies that will increase domestic mineral production, create family-wage mining jobs, remove the many barriers that currently impede mineral exploration and responsible development of this nation's mineral resources, and decrease the country's reliance on foreign sources of minerals.

"WMC has been taking the message of the necessity of a robust domestic mining industry to our nation's leaders in Washington D.C. since 1993," Barbara Coppola, WMC President, noted. "The 2017 Fly-In will be our 25th visit to Capitol Hill, a quarter century of mining advocacy. We will continue to embrace the opportunity to deliver the message to our new administration, legislators and Congress that a strong mining industry is vitally important to our nation and to Americans' livelihood."

**Who should participate?**

WMC is actively recruiting women from all sectors of the mining industry and mining-related companies to participate in the 2017 Fly-In including:

- Women employed in the hardrock, coal, and industrial minerals industries;
- Women who work for companies that provide goods and services to mining companies;
- Women who work for manufacturers that use mined materials to produce their own products;
- Women who want to represent their company as well as the entire mining and exploration industry;
- Women who value the opportunity to interface directly with Congressional members and staffers, to provide them with information about issues of importance to the mining industry;
- Women who want to learn more about how Congress works and how laws are made;

- Women who want to network with other women who work in mining; and
- WMC members and supporters.

## **Why Attend?**

- To deliver the message to our new administration and Congress that a strong mining industry is vitally important to our nation and to Americans' livelihood;
- To gain-first hand experience in talking to policymakers and advocating for a healthy U.S. mining industry;
- To partner with other stakeholders throughout the mining supply chain,
- To meet and work with other women employed in all facets of the mining industry;
- To tell mining's story and speak about your own positive experiences working in mining and related industries.

## **Anticipated 2017 Issues**

WMC expects to address administrative and regulatory over-reach by the EPA, BLM, the US Forest Service and other agencies, as well as legislation that will benefit the industry. A preliminary list of key issues includes the following:

- Duplicative EPA CERCLA 108(b) financial assurance rulemaking;
- Streamlining the permitting process;
- Critical minerals legislation;
- Land withdrawals related to sage grouse land use plans;
- Regulations relating to carbon emissions and ozone rules;
- A focus on *Mining 101* to inform members and staffers about the connection between infrastructure and jobs in the mining and manufacturing sectors.

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