

QUARTERLY EXPLORER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2020 has arrived and the coalition is off to a quick start. This new quarterly newsletter, edited by Roger Steininger, is designed to keep you up to date on the important issues and activities of your Coalition.

2019 was a successful year for the coalition, helped in large measure by significant involvement by our members and, importantly, the members of the Operating Committee. These individuals are the doers in our organization, and are to be commended for their efforts and dedication. You can join this group by simply showing up. We have monthly meetings that you can attend in person or by phone. They are held on the third Monday of each month at 9:00 am. If you are interested in taking part and making things happen as well as shaping the future of the Coalition, simply email me (dshaddrick@aol.com) and I'll put you on the mailing list. No pressure! You can see what we are all about before picking something you would like to do and if you see nothing of interest, you can quietly fade away.

In only a couple of weeks we will be hosting our popular Explorers Lounge at the AME Roundup in Vancouver. For this event we focus on promoting the projects, companies and services of our membership as well as advertising Nevada as the finest exploration venue in the world. To help promote the state, we are joined by several state agencies including NDOM and NBM&G as well as the GSN, arguably one of the most active and respected regional geological societies in the world. Be sure to take part, even if you're not able to attend. Your coalition will promote your business, prospects and companies for you with your posters, literature and swag. Contact me if you want to display, sponsor or help out – volunteer help is always needed.

Coming up as the year progresses will be our presence in Toronto at PDAC again promoting our members and the state of Nevada, and then hosting another explorers lounge at the upcoming GSN Symposium. The Symposium is a highly respected and anticipated event that is a must-attend for anyone serious about Great Basin geology and ore deposits. The next event will be our annual Great Basin Rendezvous to be held in September at a venue to be determined, much depends on the rebuilding of the Lion's Camp in Lamoille Canyon. Watch for notices over the next few months. The rendezvous will be followed by our highly anticipated and very well reviewed Annual Mineral Exploration Summit in October.

Cheers to 2020, and we hope to see you at an event soon!

- **Dave Shaddrick, President**

EDITOR'S NOTES

Roger Steininger

Dave asked me to become editor of a renewed NMEC newsletter. In a moment of unclear thinking I agreed to undertake the project. As many of you know, I write a column for the SEG Newsletter, which this coming April will be my 25th year anniversary, and I have no plans of resigning from that task. So why not take on another writing assignment? Dave also asked me to err on the side of approaching the many weighty issues that impact of our business from a lighter side, which I can do. Initially, I plan on a quarterly email newsletter. The document will be a “work-in-progress” and will likely evolve with time.

My plan is to format the letter around several categories. There will always be a space for our president to comment, no not that guy, but Dave Shaddrick. A section will summarize upcoming local, state, and Federal legislature issues that affect our industry. I am going to try and get out ahead of comment periods for mining/exploration permit applications to give the membership an opportunity to become involved. Of course, there will be a listing of upcoming relevant meetings. Finally, there will be a section to summarize important mining/exploration developments in Nevada. This will not be drill hole intercept listings, or a grade and ton summary, but commentary on new developments, such as the evolving interest in vanadium. There will be room for “letters to the editor” if the passion strikes any members. Finally, I need the membership’s help. Please send me a summary of any meetings that you attended, or have information about, and any other relative notes. I would rather have too much information than miss something important.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

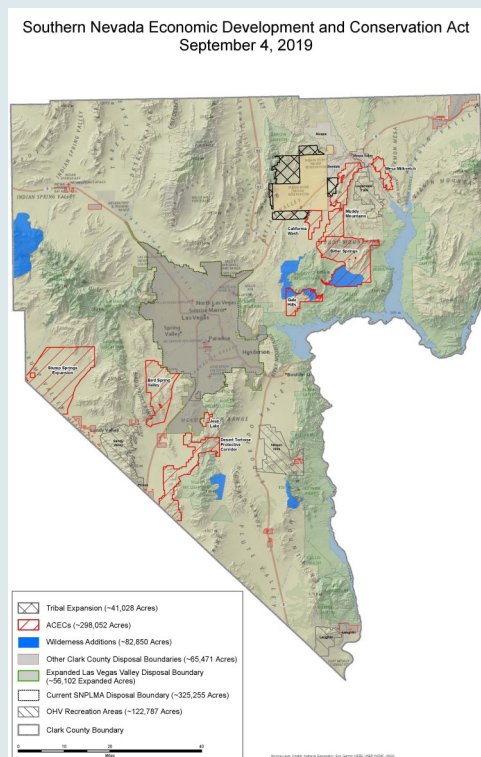
In case you missed it...

The proposed Clark County Lands bill is still in draft form and under consideration by several organizations. The current status, and other information can be found on the website:

https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/airquality/lands_bill/Pages/default.aspx

Judge B. Lynn Winmill in the U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho issued a preliminary injunction blocking the implementation of the Bureau of Land Management 2019 resource management plans for greater sage grouse conservation. As a result, the 2015 Obama-era plans remain in effect. The BLM, and Idaho and Wyoming, have appealed the ruling to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Senator Catherine Cortez Masto has introduced a bill in the Senate to reduce the Air Force’s Southern Nevada Test Range proposed expansion from 300,000 acres to 98,000 acres.



Proposed Clark County Federal Lands Bill Map

NEW EXPLORATION AND MINING DEVELOPMENTS

Nevada Copper shipped the first concentrate from Pumpkin Hollow in December 2019. They also increased their land holding by 30%, and while evaluating the property have discovered additional untested copper bearing skarn and porphyry targets, some of which are at, or near, the surface. Notwithstanding the environment issues surrounding the historic Yerington copper mine, there is the possibility that the district could develop into a major copper producer. **Hudbay/Mason Resources** is pushing the Ann Mason copper deposit forward. **Quattera Resources** has an agreement to sell water rights, and plans to use some of the proceeds to further the exploration at the MacArthur copper deposit. Several junior exploration companies are also active in the district.

A mini vanadium “boom” is developing in the state. The most advanced, and moving toward production, is **Prophecy Development’s** Gibellini deposit east of Eureka. **First Vanadium’s** Carlin Vanadium deposit (just south of Carlin), **American Lithium’s** Extraction Ridge deposit (western Roberts Mountains), and **Victory Metal’s** Iron Point deposit (east of Winnemucca) round out the list that have announced maiden resources. The common geologic feature is that mineralization is associated with black shales in Upper Plate rocks of the Roberts Mountains Thrust. The deposits are interpreted as Sedex that contain a mixture of vanadium bearing minerals and few, if any, sulfides.

PLAN OF OPERATIONS *For Public Comment*

The BLM and USFS issue news releases announcing comment periods for Plans of Operations, and other permit applications, that may be of interest to NMEC members.

Since there is usually only a 30-day window for receiving comments, and initially this newsletter is planned as a quarterly, email notices will be sent to alert the membership.

GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

If you would like to contribute an article on a topical area of interest to Nevada exploration, or would like to submit a letter -to-the-editor for inclusion in our next newsletter, please drop us a line at info@nvmec.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NMEC is planning a Nevada Exploration lounge at Roundup in Vancouver (Jan. 20-23). At PDAC in Toronto (March 1-4) NMEC will be part of the Nevada exhibit booth. Dave always welcomes visits, and bring your associates from outside of Nevada.

Unless you have been in an exploration camp in the Urals and missed all the announcements, the GSN Symposium is scheduled for May 14-24, 2020 at the Nugget in Sparks.

The CREG meetings are scheduled for February 18-19, 2020. The Ralph J. Roberts Lecture will be the afternoon of the 18th, with speaker, time, and place yet to be announced. The annual research update will be the 19th and open only to member organizations.

The NMEC Operating Committee meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 9 AM in the Welsh Hagen Inc. conference room,. NMEC members are welcome to attend in person, or by phone. Details Below

OPERATING COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETINGS

3rd Monday of Every Month
Welsh Hagen Inc. Conference Room
250 South Rock, Suite 118.

Members May Also Attend by Phone

Call-in: 1-319-527-9118
Access Code: 1452569#

A FINAL WORD

In the December 2015 issue of Mining Engineering, Steve Gardner ended his President's Page message with these words:

“We, as individual members, must take the opportunity to explain to our friends, neighbors, communities and elected officials the importance of mining in society.”

We need to wear the good that our industry does on our sleeves.

Contact Us

To join as a member, to renew your membership, or to learn more about the NMEC, please visit us on the web at

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About the NMEC

The Nevada Mineral Exploration Coalition (NMEC) is a not-for-profit, nonpartisan coalition of small businesses and individuals engaged in, or in support of, mineral exploration and development activities in the State.

Our Mission Statement:

To Preserve and Promote the Exploration Industry of Nevada