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2025 Staff Report of Efforts and Activities What is AMA doing for you?

AMA's work on Federal issues

- [Testimony](#) before House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations, preparation with AMA Officers, questions for the record assigned after witness testimony
- House Natural Resources Committee 16 Member delegation tour of Greens Creek coordination
- Mining roundtable with House Committee on Natural Resources
- Unleashing Alaska's resource potential roundtable with Senators Sullivan and Murkowski, Congressman Begich, Governor Dunleavy, EPA Administrator Zeldin, and DOI and DOE Secretaries Burgum and Wright
- Trade organization leader meeting with EPA Administrator and Region 10 team on CWA 404c vetoes
- Ambler Road advocacy following Executive and Secretarial Orders, appeal approval [Press Release](#); AMA included in White House [release](#)
- Alaska Day (belated) in Washington DC for Alaska specific announcements including Ambler
- Meetings with House Natural Resource Committee members Chiefs of Staff to follow up from Alaska trip and bolster permitting reform efforts
- Alaska on the Hill! Second annual event with new name, see [website](#)
- Trump Administration: meeting with Secretary Burgum, SBA Administrator Loeffler
- Advocacy with CODEL, Alaska Governor, and ongoing DOI/NEDC contacts following formal response to [Mineral Executive Order](#)
- Published Federal Issues of Concern [document](#); distribution with cover letter to wide audience
- Women's Mining Coalition Fly-in to DC to represent [mining issues](#) across the nation
- Advocacy with CODEL before issuance, and follow-up activity, engagement with State of Alaska and formal response to [Mineral Executive Order](#)
- Engagement on Coal Executive Orders (America's Beautiful Clean Coal [here](#))
- Support [letter](#) for SPEED Act on permitting reforms, ongoing advocacy
- Engagement with CODEL, partner Associations on [S 544](#), Mining Regulatory Clarity Act
- Submitted [comments](#) on WOTUS implementation
- [Comments](#) on USDA Roadless Rule repeal; litigation continues, along with attempts for a durable statutory fix. AMA letter to House Natural Resources Committee and Governor Dunleavy [letter](#) to President Trump to seek legislation.
- Continued following of Central Yukon RMP with Administration change, considering options, following of CRA resolution to repeal – passed!
- Coordination of Fairbanks meetings, events, and tours, including placer mine!! for Congressman Begich
- [Comments](#) on CEQ's NEPA Interim Final Rule to remove NEPA regulations
- Good Samaritan legislation progress: sign on to multi-state letter advancing from House T&I committee, passed and signed by President!

- Continued following and supplemental information for permitting reform by end of year
- Trump Administration: continued engagement with Executive Orders on resource development in Alaska, following Secretarial orders, tracking nominations and providing questions
- One Big Beautiful Bill: coordination with Senator Sullivan on Alaska benefits, support letters to Congressional Committees
- Meeting with Cale Clingenpeel, White House Advisor for Economic Council
- Coordination of 18 Western Caucus Senate Chiefs of Staff trip to Juneau and tour of Greens Creek
- Presentation to U.S. Department of State Press Tour on critical minerals
- Meeting with DOI Special Assistant for Alaska to discuss ANILCA and Roadless Rule issues
- USGS Critical Minerals comments and pre-briefings with agencies
- Introductions with Congressman Begich new staff and request for minerals display
- Meeting with Wayne Palmer, Assistant Secretary for Department of Labor, MSHA
- Congress: prepared questions for House Natural Resources Committee minerals [hearing](#)
- Introduction to Alaska mining industry with then-BLM Director nominee Kathleen Sgamma
- AIDEA application for Army Corps permit for West Susitna road
- Support for Mining School legislation
- Lengthy interview with Max Graham, Northern Journal, on federal mining policy
- Review of TRI National Analysis
- Engagement on proposal to rescind BLM Conservation and Landscape Rule
- Meet with DOI staff for Assistant Secretary of Lands to discuss seabed mining
- Congressional reconciliation activities, ongoing tracking and [support letter](#)
- Review of SCOTUS Seven County decision
- Advocacy on PERMIT Act on CWA reforms
- Submittal to NEDC on specific questions related exploration, development, and processing
- Coordination with placer regulatory agencies under the Alaska Placer Mining Resource Network
- Coordination on upcoming tours to Alaska for Senate Chiefs of Staff, other Congressional groups
- Continued following of Central Yukon RMP with Administration change, considering options
- Extensive engagement on tariffs, implications to AMA members
- Meeting with Congressman Begich State Director
- Collaboration on USDA Roadless Rule – existing lawsuit, policy change with new Administration, etc.
- Review of Army Corps Regional General permit
- Good Samaritan legislation progress: following passage of 2024 legislation, coordination with industry to manage pilot projects and ensure success, discussions to identify Alaska pilot projects
- Coordination of fundraiser for Congressman Begich
- Recruitment for impacted businesses to participate in Alaska Chamber federal tax credit roundtable
- [Comments](#) in response to OMB Request for Information on deregulation
- Congressional reconciliation activities, ongoing tracking and [support letter](#)
- [Comments](#) on BLM Long Trail
- Analysis of DOI announcement to implement emergency permitting procedures to accelerate mineral production – EAs in 14 days, EIS in 28 days, discussions amongst industry about possibilities and likelihood
- Coordination with placer regulatory agencies under the Alaska Placer Mining Resource Network
- [Comments](#) on Herbert Glacier Cabin Project

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- Participation in National Mining Association Environment Committee Spring Meeting on mining policy changes
- EPA's Great American Comeback [Initiative](#) analysis, tracking
- [Comments](#) on USACE permit at Portage Creek in West Susitna
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- Joint coalition King Cove road SEIS [letter](#)
- [Letter](#) to BLM on Wade Creek restoration project recommendations
- [Letter](#) to Department of Energy on research grant at Terra Energy Project
- Review of January wetlands policy document from US Army Corps Alaska District
- Introductions with Congressman Begich new staff and request for minerals display
- Inauguration activities with NMA; Alaska events, education
- Meeting with Hali Gruber, new legislative aide for Alaska Delegation
- Work directly with US Department of Labor appointee on reinstatement of Women in Mining and MSHA agreement
- Coordination with Yukon placer miner association and members on shared issues
- NPR-A weekly calls with AOGA, CODEL to incorporate broad permitting and development strategies
- National Mining Association Minerals Policy Task Force, Government Affairs, and Environment Committee and subcommittee meetings
- American Exploration & Mining Association Environment Committee

State Issues

- **Mining week in Juneau - Juneau Mining Forum MAJOR SUCCESS!** Planning committee, management of seven panels and presentations, coordination with Legislator moderators, discussion outlines, extensive outreach to Legislator offices to encourage attendance, publicity and coverage
- **Alaska House and Senate Resources annual mining update: planning, coordination with guest presenters, placer included this year!**
- **Retained AMA lobbyist in Juneau: onboarding, scope of work, regular strategy**
- **Legislative mine tours to Fort Knox, Fairbanks Creek, Usibelli, and Pogo Mines: 55 bipartisan legislators and staff in attendance, and finally incorporated a placer mine, THANK YOU Paul and Joni Manuel!**
- **Assembled Alaska mining tax group for internal discussions, ongoing strategy in advance of next session**
- **Coordination on Remote Recreational Cabins bill; communication with Governor's office about the associated process being problematic for DNR to manage land to avoid abuse of program, new mining provisions**
- **Published State Issues of Concern [document](#); distribution with cover letter to wide audience**
- **Governor's Administrative Order on regulatory reform RFI to regulated community, ongoing individual agency comment submissions**
- **Mineral tenure regulatory updates meeting with impacted members**
- **Minerals Commission report and vacancies; coordinate with offices to appoint**

- **Alaska Mining Day celebration at AMA Statewide Zoom with DNR Commissioner Boyle, coordination of recognition at Alliance Kenai Chapter luncheon**
- **Coordination of Mineral Executive Order response with Rep. Rauscher, Governor's office, OPMP**
- **Human health criteria meetings with affected industries ongoing with different direction post-election: meeting with DEC to discuss changes as part of broader water quality discussion with EPA Region 10**
- **Alaska DNR discussion on proposed changes at SHPO in light of NHPA Section 106 policy changes**
- **Coordinated critical minerals panel for Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference**
- **Work to craft mining messaging to DNR for Governor Dunleavy State of the State**
- Extensive AMA committee and member discussion on OPMP mission, ongoing dialogue with OPMP personnel
- Tracking/communication with DNR permit denial of IPOP project in Nome
- Sick leave bill [comments](#) and Currier testimony; coordination with Action Alerts to try and support bill
- Coordination with Juneau Branch to do Alaska Miners Mixer in Juneau
- Review of AK Department of Labor nonresident worker report, field questions from legislators and public
- Roger Burggraf University Museum of the North gold exhibit: assistance and fundraising
- Coordination of Fairbanks membership dinner with legislators
- Meeting with new DEC Commissioner Randy Bates
- Tracking DEC implementation of RCRA with EPA onsite training
- Coordination of introductions with new KTOO report specific to Transboundary mining
- Following Clean Water Act 404 primacy assumption efforts by DEC
- Review of bill on volunteer labor compliance officers at construction sites
- Tracking State of Alaska spending freeze as it relates to regulations development
- S-corporation tax bill proposal, research mining industry impact
- Support DCCED on SelectUSA Conference in DC
- Meeting on Alaska Business campaign, coordination of presentation to Statewide Zoom
- AMA/AKMM/OPMP check in meetings
- Meeting with Rachel Bylsma, Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff
- Call with Senator Hughes on Palmer Project in advance of interview
- Coordination to replace outdated mining map in Alaska Capitol Building
- Review of food service wares bill to examine impacts on remote camps
- Continued engagement on minimum wage ballot measure implementation
- House Transportation Committee featuring Advocates of Safe Alaska Highways
- S-corporation tax bill proposal, research mining industry impact
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- Meeting with Senator Giessel on Permanent Fund; distribution of educational events
- Review of food service wares bill to examine impacts on remote camps
- Review of Division of Agriculture Executive Order – watching for DNR land management implications
- Participation in Alaska Chamber Legislative fly-in visits
- Continued engagement on minimum wage ballot measure implementation
- Meetings with Rep. Zack Fields, Rep. elect- Chuck Kopp, Sen. Giessel on various legislative initiatives
- Continued engagement on minimum wage ballot measure implementation

Communications

- **Work to start up a Communications Committee; performing short course at Convention**
- **Ongoing improvement in AMA social media presence**
- **McKinley report work, coordination with firm to complete report by Convention including adding new projects Rolled out AMA “Rock Talk” email**
- **Weekly reports to Board “Friday Gems”**
- Standing meeting with Publications contracting team
- Published AMA Handbook and Service Directory, all hands on deck meeting to assess what future versions should look like and offer
- Participation in AEMA Stakeholder Engagement Committee
- Carin: Participation as mentee in AEMA Society
- Submissions to quarterly Alaska Journal of Commerce “advertorial”
- Extensive engagement with Max Graham, mining report for Northern Journal
- Annual ask for content to add to our library

Membership

- All year renewals conducted; follow up contacts completed, ongoing work with Executive Committee to do retention outreach
- Staff/Executive Committee review of AMA Membership Plan, last revised in 2016, which guides staff on how to retain, recruit new, and ensure member satisfaction; ongoing work on reporting tools
- Extensive membership pitching on an ongoing basis

Administration

- Pursuit of AMA office space and relocation: tours, review of catalogued advertisements, etc
- Review of annual medical insurance renewal
- Branch elections

Annual Convention

- 2025 is here! Luiten will provide in person report of record revenues, attendees, and more!
- Work to select site and date for Fairbanks Biennial Convention

AMAPAC

- Final 2024 candidate contributions, full list of contributions [here](#)
- Reporting on AMA website of who AMAPAC supports
- Donor thank you letters from Chair
- 2024 final year end reporting
- 2025 Group Registration
- Accounting on uncashed checks to candidates

Other

- **Assistance with mining HR professionals on coordination..tiptoeing toward a Committee**
- **Successful Alaska Night at Roundup!**
- **Coordination with speakers for mining sessions at Alaska Forum on the Environment**
- Alaska Chamber resource panel and briefing of local chamber executives

- Spoke to Mat-Su Economic Forum
- Planning mining panel at RDC Resources Conference
- Extensive engagement and coordination of fundraising for Roger Burggraf gold donation to University of Alaska
- Meeting with Tesla representatives on responsible sourcing of minerals in Alaska
- Engagement in Juneau Chamber luncheon featuring Juneau mine General Managers
- Judge National Civics Bee in Anchorage
- Participation in AEMA Summer Summit
- Participation in NovaMinerals-led introduction and legislative tour at Port MacKenzie
- Introductory meetings with Ducks Unlimited Alaska team
- Attendance and volunteer at RDC Annual Mining Luncheon
- Trustee meeting at Foundation for Natural Resources Environmental Law
- Staff volunteer at ARE Fairbanks Coal Classic tournament
- Coordination with new “Alaska Forum” (formerly “of the Environment”) on mining involvement
- Introduction with new natural resources arm of Pacific Legal Foundation
- Multi-organization briefing for Australian Consulate visitors to Alaska on natural resource sectors
- Interview with Global Business Reports
- Panel with inaugural Better in Our Backyard Mining and Energy Expo
- Panel at Alaska Chamber Alaska Business Summit
- Briefing of local chamber executives on Alaska’s mining industry
- Onboarding new member to understand mining industry
- Presentation to Southeast Conference Natural Resources Committee
- Monthly meeting of Alaska Trade leaders
- Women’s Mining Coalition committee participation
- Assistance with Women in Mining Alaska Chapter
- Speak at Alaska Trucking Association annual conference
- Participated/advised at Idaho Mining Association strategic planning session
- Presentation to Southeast Conference Natural Resources Committee
- Held panel at Alliance Meet Alaska
- Presentation to BOMA Anchorage
- Attempts to coordinate multi-resource sponsorship of Alaska State Fair
- Monthly meeting of Alaska Trade leaders
- Presentation to Lynden One Sales conference
- Presentation to Southeast Conference Mid Session Summit
- Preparing to host panel at Alliance Meet Alaska
- Presentation to AMA Juneau Branch
- Coordination of successful mining sessions at Alaska Forum on the Environment
- Meeting with Kim Jones, Ship Creek Group, on educating progressive candidates
- Monthly meeting of Alaska Trade leaders
- Women’s Mining Coalition committee participation
- **Monthly meeting of Alaska Trade leaders**
- Participation in Alaska Metal Mines monthly membership calls and legislative committee



DIGGING INTO ADVOCACY

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025

115

Letters, testimony,
editorials, other written
communications



110

Presentations, media
interviews, public
engagements



311

Policymaker and
stakeholder
meetings



ON THE FEDERAL FRONT

- Executive Order on Unleashing Alaska Resource Potential
- Unleashing Alaska's Resources Roundtable
- Executive Orders on increased American Mineral Production and Coal industry
- Witness testimony before House Natural Resources Subcommittee
- Permitting reform and SPEED Act
- Alaska on the Hill
- House Natural Resources Committee mining roundtable and tour
- Waters of the US definition and implementation
- Ambler Road Project advancement
- EPA 404c preemptive veto at Pebble
- Repeal of Roadless Rule for Tongass
- Permitting coordination with National Energy Dominance Council
- Central Yukon Resource Plan
- ANCSA 17d1 land withdrawals
- Mining Regulatory Clarity Act
- One Big Beautiful Bill
- Western Caucus tour to Alaska mines



ON THE STATE SIDE

- Juneau Mining Forum
- Presentation to Alaska Resources Committees
- 55 Legislators and staff to four Alaska mines
- AMA Lobbyist in Juneau
- Mining role at Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference
- Alaska Mining Day
- Instream Flow Reservations policy
- Sick leave ballot measure policy
- West Susitna Access
- Water Quality Standards
- Administrative Orders on regulations
- Mineral tenure policy



AMA IN THE COMMUNITY

- Juneau Mining Forum
- Alaska Night at Roundup in Vancouver BC
- Gold Rush Days in Juneau
- Kenai Peninsula mining events
- AEMA Summer Summit in Spokane, WA
- Legislative mine tours in Fairbanks, Healy, Delta Junction
- Matanuska-Susitna Borough Economic Forum
- Southeast Conference in Sitka
- Western States Mining Coordinating Council
- Mining infrastructure at Port MacKenzie
- Alaska Business Summit in Girdwood
- Better in Our Backyard Expo in Minneapolis
- Alliance Industry Forum in Fairbanks
- AMA Branch meeting in Tok



WHERE TO FIND US

- Quarterly Alaska Miner Magazine and monthly journal
- McKinley Research Annual Economic Report
- Annual Handbook and Service Directory
- Educational and resourceful website
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- Click to Comment tool

