

Be a Miner



135 years ago, President Grant sent an enticing valentine to anyone with a pick and a pack mule.

The 1872 Mining Act allowed you to stake a claim most anywhere on public lands in the West. Any gold or other hardrock minerals were yours for free. And you could buy the land for \$5 an acre or less.

This sweet deal wooed starry-eyed prospectors westward. But today, while they've been replaced by giant multinational corporations, that Victorian era law is still on the books – still proffering precious metals for free. It's also resulted in the pollution of 40 percent of our western watersheds, with the taxpayer stuck for much of the cleanup. And new mining claims keep multiplying, crowding up against national treasures like the Grand Canyon.

Be true this year to the taxpayer and the modern West. Bipartisan mining reform has passed the House. It's time for the Senate to act.

Give modern mining a modern mining law.

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