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1872 MINING LAW LEAVES A TRAIL OF POLLUTION.

Signed by President Grant back when miners used picks and pack mules, our nation's mining law still gives metal mining top priority on public lands, regardless of the impact on watersheds, wildlife or local communities. And the toll has been appalling:

- 18 billion pounds of toxics released by mines in just the past eight years.¹
- 40 percent of western watersheds polluted.²
- \$50 billion in projected cleanup costs.³

And the makers of this mess can still take the gold and other precious metals from our public lands for free.

Long overdue reform legislation was passed last year by the House. It's time for the Senate to stop stalling and act.

**Give modern mining
a modern mining law.**

¹ See <http://www.epa.gov/triexplorer>.

² See <http://www.epa.gov/ow/liquidassets/>.

³ See <http://www.clu-in.org/download/market/2004market.pdf>.

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