



CODE RED Clean Energy & U.S. Mining Policy

ROUNDTABLE
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DISCUSSION

The Connection Between Mining and Climate

Debunking the myth of “Critical & Strategic” Minerals

Join the Discussion

with

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1:00 to 2:00 p.m. MDT

The panelists will discuss the critical need to reform the 1872 Mining Law to address the climate crisis and reduce harm to Indigenous Pueblos, Tribes, Nations, and other communities directly impacted by mining.

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The rapid transition to a clean energy economy delivers market power to mineral consumers to demand cleaner and more responsible sourcing, including recycling, reuse, substitution, and even reclamation. Greening our energy systems can clean up mines at the same time, as long as we build in the right policy incentives. In the United States, this means reforming our 1872 Mining Law to drive reclamation and more sustainable mineral recovery.

Public and private sector investment all over the world has spurred innovations in recycling and reuse of lithium and other metals. This increase in market power and demand continues to drive innovations in responsibly sourced minerals and improvements in efficiency. The multi-sector Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA) standard has helped generate value for mining companies and investors by setting the bar for more responsible environmental and social practices at existing mines.

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