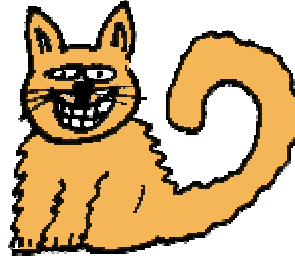


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## FREE LUNCH FOR FAT CATS\* 1872 Mining Law Fact #2:



The hardrock mining industry has been gobbling its way through America for 131 years now. That's because these companies pay no royalty for the privilege of extracting gold and other precious metals from America's public lands under the 1872 Mining Law.

Coal, oil and gas companies pay 8% to 12.5%, but hardrock mining companies do not pay a cent in royalties to taxpayers. Since 1872 more than \$245 *BILLION* in metals and minerals has been extracted without payment to the owners – the public, while the coal, oil and gas industries paid \$35 billion between 1994 and 2001 alone.

Isn't it the multinational mining industry's turn to pick up the check?

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