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1872 Mining Law Fact #8:



What would you expect to pay for precious metals like gold, silver and copper from public lands belonging to U.S. taxpayers?

Multinational mining companies have taken \$245 billion worth of precious metals and minerals without paying a cent in royalties since the 1872 Mining Law went into effect 131 years ago. Considering coal, oil and gas companies pay royalties of 8% to 12.5%, it sounds like a pretty good deal.

But wait, it gets even better! What if we offered you the same tax break mining companies get—a tax break based on the declining value of these royalty-free minerals—worth \$487 million over 5 years?

Before you answer, listen closely! Generous U.S. taxpayers are also throwing in exploration subsidies valued at \$170 million over 5 years and abandoned mine clean-up worth \$32 billion to \$72 billion.

The total package is worth billions, exclusively for the hardrock mining industry. It's even better than the free bonus Ginsu® knife set offer. **ACT NOW!**

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Part of a series on the 1872 Mining Law, highlighting impacts on taxpayers, community health, and water resources—and the need for meaningful reform.

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