



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS
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Short and Sweet from the Prez:

We are nearing the end of this year's dredge season in most Oregon waters; I hope all those mining found some good color to supplement your incomes or at least enough to brag about to your friends. The fire season did not aid us in our endeavors this year in fact most only got to Briggs for the group meeting and Larry's memorial. We all left in a hurry to avoid losing any of our gear in case the fire jumped the Illinois River and headed our way. The smoke was thick at times and breathing for a few of us was further complicated by its presents.

It's time to switch gears and start prospecting our claims using other methods such as metal detecting. If the weather holds up this fall there are still many opportunities to get out there and bring in some treasures. Remember it's important to be sure you are on our own claims... the mining claim holder owns deed to all minerals within a claim. Claim jumping is a serious charge that can land you in jail or worse.

When Delmon was down on our Fossil flats claim this month he came across some guys working the claim above us. Don't know who they were but the conversation of claim jumping came up and Delmon explained to them that any form of prospecting and removal of minerals from someone else's claim whether by dredging or metal detecting is illegal and considered claim jumping. It seems that one of these fellows carrying a metal detector had indicated he had been exploring the other claims in the vicinity. Please if you see anyone on our claims or the neighboring claims that doesn't belong there try to get a

vehicle license number and picture of the culprits. If you talk to them get a name we can contact or share with authorities.

If any of you find an interesting place to treasure hunt or rock hound and you want company send me a note and I will try to arrange a group outing or at least some others with similar interests to hang with. Keep safe and work with a buddy whenever possible.

I am looking forward to seeing your treasures at our next Diggers meeting.

Claudia Wise, Association President

Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order: Claudia called the meeting to order, and welcomed members and guests.

In Attendance: There were 15 members present. We have new members, Robert Davis and friend Randy. They like to pan and dredge.

Meeting Minutes: Penny read the summary of last month's club outing down @ Brigg's Creek and was accepted by Claudia.

Treasurer's Report: Joe will give us a full report @ next meeting in September. This was accepted by Claudia.

-Our club's claim's paperwork has officially been filed.

-It was brought up that gas money allowance should be paid to Claudia by the club for the drive down to Grants Pass for club claims paperwork.

Claims Report: Tim Kelly and his son, Vince, have been checking into possible new claims for us: Little North Fork of Santiam River (Marion Co), Sharps Creek and Culp Creek (Lane Co). They have plans to explore more of the Sharps Creek/Culp Creek area this week. Vince had some nice gold to show for his hard work prospecting this summer.

Millennium Diggers Raffle: Delmon encouraged members to buy tickets for the 50/50 Raffle; the drawing will be during our Christmas Party. Our General Raffle had several lucky members that won some great prizes from the table. **"Hooray! to Bill Moore for his wins tonight!"**

-Notice to members: Please think of items to bring to upcoming meetings for the General Raffle table that we can use as prizes. If they are for "rocking" or mining of any kind, all the better!

Old Business: Gov. Kitzhaber signed Senate Bill 838 into law, not surprising, but much to our dismay. This is the bill written to put an end to all motorized mining in Oregon.

-The Division of State Lands (DSL) is meeting on Thurs. Sept. 5th, to come to a decision on "how to pick 850 miners" to issue permits to. They are asking for input (?) to come up with a permit process that will meet [new] regulatory standards.. at least until all motorized mining has been banned for good.

We all agreed that these are FOUL LAWS, and will lead to massive "takings law suits" like the opposition has never seen.

-Our last club meeting was at Brigg's Creek. We had a potluck while there, and this event was in memory of, and to honor Larry Sheridan. Claudia reported that we had a good showing, even with the wildfires all around us. 14 or 15 members showed up and we gained a new member, who joined our club during the event.

-PLG'S ½ pound of Gold Raffle. Tickets are for sale at

<http://www.waldominingdistrict.com>

-Next drawing to be held at the Salem GPAA Show, March 2014

New Business: . -Claudia asked members if they had any ideas for topic @ next meeting. Joe told us of 3 different Power Point Presentations he could do:

- 1: Klamath River Fish kill- the true story
- 2- Ocean temperatures and fluctuating salmon runs
- 3- Agenda 21

We chose #1, The Klamath River Fish Kill.

-Penny later brought up the idea of having at least one meeting where we go over "Mining Etiquette", something that we all should know and practice, for the good of everyone.

-Notice to members: The Trommel is now being stored at Walt and Penny's place in Salem. Joe is replacing a couple of hose fittings to the water pump.

Rocks/Treasures for August: Bill Moore brought a nicely mounted meteorite specimen, which was quite impressive. Ken O. brought some pieces of petrified wood from the Holleywood Ranch outing. One was encrusted with the unique salt crystals/quartz replacement. That is, the cubic shape of the original salt crystals had been replaced with silicon dioxide (quartz) and had retained the original cubic salt crystal shape.

-Penny gave Marlea a beautiful framed picture that Marlea took while down at Brigg's Creek. She also gave Marlea a "Larry Rock" from Brigg's, in his memory.

-We all had watermelon outside and enjoyed some good talk and catching up.

Next Month's letter is "N": Which could include natrolite, neptunite, novel treasures, nickel, nickel silver, noble metals, new-know-how, nick-nacks, news, etc....

Our Next Club Meeting: Thursday September 26th, 2013

Visit our website at <http://www.millenniumdiggers.com/>

The Millennium Diggers Club is a group based in Keizer, Oregon, which is near Salem, Oregon. The club is for people that share an interest in searching for things of value. The club's charter is to provide members with a club that will help promote the hobbies of metal detecting, prospecting, rock hounding, and treasure hunting. Part of our yearly dues pay for mining claims that are available for all club members to use. We use club meetings to share information about locating gold, silver, coins, jewelry, gemstones, fossils and metal detecting. We plan club outings each month where we can help each other learn all aspects of our hobbies. This is a great family activity, bring the kids! Please feel free to drop in on one of the monthly meetings or outings.

We meet the 4th Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m, at:
Clear Lake United Methodist Church
920 Marks Drive
Keizer, OR 97303

We meet in the church's Fellowship Hall; a real a nice meeting place complete with tables, chairs and a kitchen. The church is located across the street from the Clear Lake Fire Station. There's plenty of parking in the church's parking lot.



Mining Moratorium Bill Would Kill Oregon's Gold Mining Industry

[Benjamin Nanke](#), WATCHDOG WIRE – NORTHWEST, June 24, 2013

<http://watchdogwire.com/northwest/2013/06/24/mining-moratorium-bill-would-kill-oregons-gold-mining-industry/>



[Critics say it offers little environmental protection](#)

The future of mining in Oregon is at risk with the introduction of [Senate Bill 838](#), which would declare a four year moratorium on suction dredge mining in Oregon's riverbeds. The purpose of this lengthy ban on mining is to allow the Governor's office "to study certain issues related to mining using motorized equipment."

Quoting the bill text: "A moratorium is imposed until January 2, 2018, on mining that uses any form of motorized equipment to extract gold, silver or any other precious mineral from placer deposits of the beds of the waters of this state, as defined in ORS 196.800, or that results in the removal or disturbance of streamside vegetation in a manner that may impact water quality."

The bill was introduced in April 2013 by the **Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**, chaired by **Senator Jackie Dingfelder** (D-Portland). This committee has been very actively pursuing environmental causes this session,

including the recently signed-into-law [SB692 Energy Efficiency Standards bill](#). They also are no stranger to targeting Oregon's mining industry.

During the 2013 Regular Session, the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and its members have penned no less than four separate bills that would negatively impact Oregon miners. [WatchdogWire covered this story](#) back in March, when miners from across the state rallied on the steps of the Oregon Capitol to protest the threat to their livelihood.

In particular, [Senate Bill 115](#), for all intents and purposes the predecessor to current the SB838, was proposed by the same committee. That bill would have banned suction dredging entirely.

Joseph Greene is a former EPA researcher. After leaving the agency, he has worked to uncover the misinformation being presented by members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources regarding suction dredge mining and Oregon's waterways. Greene spoke with WatchdogWire at a meeting of the Oregon Citizen's Lobby.

After Senate Bill 115 stalled in mid-January of 2013, Greene said, Senate Bill 838 was drafted and introduced. The Committee changed their approach from a permanent ban of placer mining to a four year moratorium. However, the same result is achieved.

SB838 "adds a four year moratorium which would basically destroy the industry," Greene said.

Greene pointed out that a major connecting factor between each of these bills is **Senator Alan Bates (D-Medford)**. Bates himself has a history of pursuing anti-mining legislation as well, Greene said, despite having a personal and legislative history in the Medford area, a gold-rich region with a long history of mining. Greene stated that Bates is strongly against mining in the area due to his desire to protect the environment.

Bates also has a history of working with **former Senator Jason Atkinson (R-Center Point)**, a Medford native. The two co-sponsored the failed [Senate Bill 765](#) back in 2011, which would have "[created] offense of practicing recreational dredge mining without license. Punishes by maximum of 30 days' imprisonment, \$1,250 fine, or both."

[In an interview with the Oregonian](#) discussing SB838, Bates defended his strong positions.

“My bottom line is that I want to see those streams and rivers protected,” he said. “If there’s some middle ground, that’s fine, but right now, I haven’t seen that middle ground yet.”

Greene, however, doesn’t believe that Bates’ attempts to protect the environment from miners are at all necessary or justified.

“It’s totally bogus, because California just spent 1.2 million dollars on a small-scale gold suction dredge environmental impact report and they published it in 2012 and the results of that are basically that this industry’s effect on the environment is less than significant. So then now they’re going to stick out a bill to say that we’ve got to stop it for four years so we can study it, that’s nonsense.”

He also referenced [a study done by Peter B. Bayley](#), an Associate Professor at the Dept. Fisheries & Wildlife at Oregon State University. He said that Bayley did a cumulative study over good and bad miners and multiple dredges in the Siskiyou National Forest, testing the effect of suction dredge mining on young of the year, and found that there was no measurable effect.

Citing this evidence, and pointing back once again to the legislation sponsored by the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, Greene emphasized the lack of scientific backing behind the claims that suction dredge mining is detrimental to Oregon waterways.

“What they’re offering has nothing to do with saving the environment,” he said.

Greene identified the major difference between the philosophies of Atkinson and Bates and his own philosophies as an environmentalist.

“They are very obviously environmentally oriented, and I don’t mind that since we’re both environmentalists, we both spent our life making a living in the environmental industry, but they choose to do whatever they can to eliminate individuals from the environment rather than working with allowing individuals to use the environment in a safe and responsible manner.”

SB838 was assigned to a subcommittee on natural resources on Friday, June 21st. WatchdogWire will continue to monitor the bill and provide updates as it navigates the legislature.





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RE: SB 838 RULEMAKING -- COMMENTS FOR THE RECORD

Dear DSL;

DSL has asked for comments or suggestions regarding the 850 limit on issued GAs or permits for Fill & Remove activities concerning placer mining.

SECTION 5 (4) OF SB 838 states:

“...the Department of State Lands shall limit the individual permits issued under ORS 196.810 and the general authorizations issued under ORS 196.850 to not more than 850 permits and authorizations for mining described in this section at any time during the period described in this section. The Department of State Lands shall give priority, to the greatest extent practicable, to persons who held permits or authorizations for the longest period of time before January 1, 2014.”

As mentioned at the DSL TAC meeting on Sept. 5, 2013, the position of the mining community is that any restriction on the number of permits issued in regards to mining activities on the public lands of the United States or on mining claims is blatantly illegal. Yes, the courts have ruled that states have authority to

“reasonably regulate mining [on federal lands] for specific environmental concerns”. However, it is clear that the State can not require a permit and then refuse to issue them. (see Granite Rock v Calif. Coastal Comm.) I remind you that such a limit on permits is prohibitory, not regulatory.

That said (and I realize the position of the Dept. is that SB 838 is the law and you must work within that law), the mining community sees no way to lawfully restrict the number of permits to 850 (or any number)... making any further comment superfluous. Put bluntly, as soon as any bone fide miner (of federal lands) is denied a permit, the law is illegal, pre-empting the will of congress.

However, for the sake of argument and as mentioned at the Sept. 5 meeting, it may be possible to issue short-term GAs or permits. These comments will focus on that idea.

First of all, the only benefit (to the miners) would be if DSL could issue more than the 850 permits over the two year period as long as at no time are there more than 850 “active” GAs or permits at any given moment. For example: Could DSL offer a GA good for a specific time period, such as the last 2 weeks in July? Or just one week? And when those permits expired, could another permit be issued to someone else as long as there are no more than 850 active permits?

Section 5 (4) states: “...**to not more than 850 permits and authorizations for mining described in this section at any time during the period...**”. Can this be interpreted to mean that during the period (2014 to Jan. 2, 2016) that DSL “could” actually issue 3000 GAs or permits, as long as at no time there are no more than 850 actually active? If not, then none of this will work.

Or, does subsection (4) mean that the total number of GAs or permits issued during the 2 year period can not exceed 850?

Another item to look at might be separating the GAs/permits into two categories:

1. Short-term (1 week, 2 weeks, 30 days, etc.) for “recreational mining” taking place on lands not open to mining; and

2. For mining on lands open to Location & Entry under the U.S. Mining Law as amended (i.e.; public lands and mining claims or other private property).

Currently, I believe that the GAs or permits are good for one year? It seems a shame to use up one of the 850 allowed permits just for someone that might only mine for a few days a year.

I will be submitting more comments later – mostly just so my concerns are on the record as I have been told that the Dept. has no wiggle-room with most of what's in SB 838.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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The Reasons to Own Bullion Multiply Worldwide

Independent Living Bullion, Sept. 9, 2013

<http://us-mg4.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=1fvnkds1rtnrp#mail>

The crisis precipitated by decades of over-borrowing and over-spending is ongoing and continues to have profound implications for the bullion markets over the longer term. Vigilant metals investors saw more interesting developments last week.

First off, the Pakistani government reported a more than 1,500% increase in gold imports. The increase can be attributed to efforts by the Indian government to curb direct imports.

The high-handed attempt by the Indian government to limit the ability of citizens to defend themselves from the devaluation of the Rupee isn't succeeding as planned. Gold-loving Indians are smuggling it in by the ton, and because of gold's privacy and portability, officials are nearly powerless to stop it.

Next, bureaucrats in Poland took steps that are, so far at least, only talked about here in the U.S. They seized half of all private-sector pension assets! The Polish government had run up against a hard limit on additional borrowing and needed to lower its debt to GDP ratio.

No surprise, when forced to act, officials prefer any alternative to imposing spending discipline and shrinking government. Confiscation of privately held bonds from retirement accounts proved far too simple and expedient. The government, now able to resume borrowing, solved its problem for the short term. On the other hand, pension holders who just woke up and found themselves trapped in the state-run retirement system of an increasingly bankrupt nation, are finding their problems are just beginning.

Gold miners near Chicken cry foul over 'heavy-handed' EPA raids

Alaska Dispatch, Sean Doogan, September 3, 2013

<http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/20130903/gold-miners-near-chicken-cry-foul-over-heavy-handed-epa-raids>



When agents with the Alaska Environmental Crimes Task Force surged out of the wilderness around the remote community of Chicken wearing body armor and jackets emblazoned with POLICE in big, bold letters, local placer miners didn't quite know what to think.

Did it really take eight armed men and a squad-size display of paramilitary force to check for dirty water? Some of the miners, who run small businesses, say they felt intimidated.

Others wonder if the actions of the agents put everyone at risk. When your family business involves collecting gold far from nowhere, unusual behavior can be taken as a sign someone might be trying to stage a robbery. How is a remote placer miner to know the people in the jackets saying POLICE really are police?

Miners suggest it might have been better all around if officials had just shown up at the door -- as they used to do -- and said they wanted to check the water.

Lots of Federal land in Alaska

Alaska's vast Interior, which sprawls to the Canadian border, has been the site of federal-local distrust in the past. It was near this area, 130 miles northwest of Chicken, that National Park Service rangers pointed shotguns at, then tackled and arrested a septuagenarian, for not stopping his boat in midstream of the Yukon River in the fall of 2010. Jim Wilde, 70 years old at the time, had been ordered to prepare to be boarded for a safety inspection.

Wilde didn't much like that demand. He swore at park rangers and then headed for shore and a meeting on terra firma. Wilde was arrested and taken to the jail in Fairbanks, more than 100 miles away. He was later tried and found guilty by a federal magistrate for failing to comply with a lawful order from federal agents.

The state of Alaska, as a whole, can be a place of deeply-rooted mistrust between locals and the agents who try to enforce federal rules.

Alaska has more federally owned and managed land than any other U.S. state. More than 65 percent of its land is under some sort of federal control. A multitude of federal parks, preserves and wilderness areas are patrolled by agents from more than a dozen U.S. agencies. Many of the people in rural parts of the state, which are either under federal control or border federally-managed areas, have more contact with federal officers than they do with representatives from the state.

Surprised by armed group of officers

Miners from the Chicken area -- a gold mining town of just 17 full-time residents and dozens of seasonal miners off the Taylor Highway, between Tok and the Canadian border -- said that during the third week of August they were surprised

by groups of four to eight armed officers, who swarmed onto their mining claims with little or no warning.

The officers were armed and wearing body armor. They were part of the Alaska Environmental Crimes Task Force and were there to check for violations of section 404 of the Clean Water Act, according to several miners who were contacted by the group. Section 404 governs water discharges into rivers, streams, lakes and oceans.

The task force's methods are now being questioned by the miners as well as the Alaska congressional delegation.

"Imagine coming up to your diggings, only to see agents swarming over it like ants, wearing full body armor, with jackets that say POLICE emblazoned on them, and all packing side arms," said C.R. "Dick" Hammond, a Chicken gold miner who got a visit from the task force.

"How would you have felt?" Hammond asked. "You would be wondering, 'My God, what have I done now?'"

Hammond and other Chicken area miners aren't alone in wondering what they have done now. Both Alaska U.S. Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich have inquired into the task force's actions. Congressman Don Young is also looking into it. They have been having a difficult time getting straight answers from the EPA.

Rampant drug and human trafficking?

The EPA has refused to publicly explain why it used armed officers as part of what it called a "multi-jurisdictional" investigation of possible Clean Water Act violations in the area.

A conference call was held last week to address the investigation. On the line were members of the Alaska Congressional delegation, their staff, state officers, and the EPA. According to one Senate staffer, the federal agency said it decided to send in the task force armed and wearing body armor because of information it received from the Alaska State Troopers about "rampant drug and human trafficking going on in the area."

The miners contacted by the task force were working in the area of the Fortymile National Wild and Scenic River. The federal designation, made in 1980 as part of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, protects 32 miles between Chicken and Eagle, Alaska. It is a remote area, close to the Canadian

border and the town of Boundary. The nearest city of any real size is Fairbanks, 140 miles to the northwest. It was unknown to everyone in the area that there is a rampant problem with drug and human traffickers.

This also came as news to the Alaska State Troopers, whom the EPA said supplied the information about drugs and human trafficking, and at least one U.S. senator.

“Their explanation -- that there are concerns within the area of rampant drug trafficking and human trafficking going on -- sounds wholly concocted to me,” said Murkowski, R-Alaska.

“The Alaska State Troopers did not advise the EPA that there was dangerous drug activity. We do not have evidence to suggest that is occurring,” said Trooper spokesperson Megan Peters.

The Alaska Department of Law said it knew of the task force's investigation but that it did not advise the group about any ongoing problems or dangers in the Fortymile River area.

'Heavy-handed, heavy-armor approach'

“This seems to have been a heavy-handed, and heavy-armor approach,” said Murkowski. “Why was it so confrontational? The EPA really didn't have any good answers for this.”

According to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, one of its compliance officers went along with the task force, but only to look for potential state violations at the mine sites.

The DEC officer was armed.

The task force is made up of members of the EPA, the FBI, Coast Guard, Department of Defense, the Alaska Department of Public Safety and the DEC. The chief investigator, Matt Goers, said he could not discuss the details of the recent Fortymile River investigations. So far, no charges, state or federal, have resulted from the group's work last month.

Miners in the area are not waiting for the results of the investigation. They have met in Chicken and are demanding a Sept. 14 meeting with the EPA, the state, and the members of the Alaska federal delegation to discuss the task force's tactics.

“Compliance exams are a normal thing for miners. Usually (Bureau of Land Management) or DEC points out a problem and you correct it. This (the task force’s action) was way over the top and uncalled for. It was a massive show of intimidation,” said David Likins, a gold miner in the Fortymile Mining District.

Most of the mines in the area are small, family-run placer operations. They are like the mines seen on on the Reality TV show “Gold Rush: Alaska.” They search for gold by digging up ground and running it through a sluice box, using water to wash away the rocks and leave the valuable gold behind.

The water they use must be allowed to settle in ponds before it's discharged back into streams or creeks, so that mud and rocks don't pollute clean, nearby waterways. Water turned turbid (cloudy or muddy) can kill fish.

Likins said the task force may have found one possible clean water violation at a mine near Boundary, very close to the Canadian border.

Likins said he believes the aggressive actions of the task force made their investigation much more dangerous for everyone, including the miners and the agents.

“If it were my mine, and I was sitting on some gold, and people came storming out of the woods, I would probably meet them on the porch, with my shotgun,” he said.





I see very little potential for this cat to become a mascot for suction dredge miners.



Behind the Green Mask, Visiting United Nations Agenda 21

Joseph c. Greene, Research Biologist
September 7, 2013



In light of recent events in the California and Oregon State Legislatures where they have passed laws to place extreme controls and moratoria on the environmentally innocuous practice of small-scale gold mining it is time that all outdoor users awaken to learn just what is behind these unjust and scientifically unsupportable practices.

We all must become very aware of the real reasons behind the environmentalist's attacks on all outdoors activities so we can properly defend against them. Quite frankly it has little to do with saving the environment and everything about controlling the lives and activities of all citizens by big government.

Many well meaning citizens, as I have in the past, donate to various environmental organizations to feel good in doing their part in saving something of earth's ecosystem. At this point all of us donators have clean hands and we can go about our merry business knowing that we have done our part to save some fish, tree, toad, frog, wolf, etc. However, it does not end there and if you would spent just a little time researching what many of these groups are doing with your money you will find it is a major and well connected effort to keep us away from our natural areas and stuck in our cities.

Let's face it many well intentioned laws passed by our U.S, Congress have been usurped for more insidious purposed. The worst law facing us today is the Endangered Species Act. This Act has been used by environmental

organizations as well as Government Agencies to attack the rights of citizens to use, work and play on the public domain lands.

Fellow citizens it is time to wake up and try to save our rights so that our children and grandchildren and all future generations have some rights left. It is time to stop being lazy pawns of these self serving groups. Give some thought to what you are reading and hearing. Look to the literature. There is information out there that discusses and exposes these lies. And, most importantly, never believe what you read or hear on any news media. These organizations have all sold out for their greater profits and self interests.

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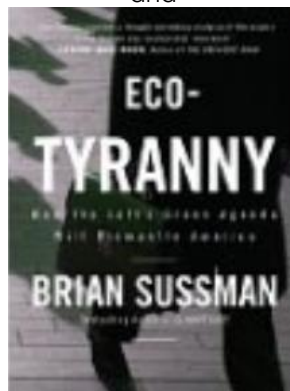
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTRY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

If you're new to learning about UN Agenda 21/ Sustainable Development you'd be understandably confused about what it is and how it impacts you and your area. You may be wondering how something that affects every aspect of your life including education, health care, law enforcement, energy, land use, and

economic development could have eluded your attention for more than 20 years.

How could this have happened?

This is a public relations campaign--the biggest. Your government knows that if you knew what the plan was about in 1992 you would have objected to living under a dictatorship. You would have objected to having your educational system converted to a social indoctrination camp. You would have been distressed to learn that representative government was to be transitioned to non-representational government by appointed boards and commissions that you have no control over. So the propaganda campaign was in full force to hide the source and goals of 'Sustainable Development.'

It's only recently that the press even admits that UN Agenda 21 exists. Did the United Nations chose to call it the 'Agenda for the 21st Century' purposely in order to block further investigation? It sounds crazy. Up until very recently anyone who referred to UN Agenda 21 was labeled a 'conspiracy theorist' or a nut. Now the press acknowledges its existence but says it is a non-binding, twenty year old plan that has no impacts on local government. The United Nations, you are told, is ineffectual and the US just ignores proclamations and agreements it doesn't like.

The rallying cry of Communitarianism pervades your newspaper, television, workplace, and school room as you are encouraged to 'give back,' to volunteer and to think about the common good. If you question you are considered selfish and you won't be invited to the communal bike rides and neighborhood parties.

If you're like us you were a young progressive Democrat in November 1992 and thought Clinton was doing fine (well, a bit later we thought Don't Ask Don't Tell was rotten, and the war in Kosovo looked like a battle to control the heroin trade into Europe, and we thought it was nuts to give loans to people who couldn't afford them). Yes, you thought Clinton was doing fine now that Bush was out of office. You were excited to be part of a movement to encourage recycling and creative reuse. You felt good about yourself and thought Republicans were a bunch of flag-waving rednecks who ate raw meat and slept with their spurs on. You didn't know any Republicans personally, and you didn't want to. Your magazines--Earth Island Journal, Mother Jones, The Nation--were full of the degradation of the planet and the destruction of biodiversity. You were disgusted with developers, oil men, and big corporations and you blamed all of this on Republicans. After the Clinton impeachment trials you were even more convinced of the viciousness of the Republicans. You joined

MoveOn.org and hosted political parties in your home. Later, 8 years of Bush Jr cemented your outlook even further. Hanging chads, yellow cake uranium, Jessica Lynch, Shock and Awe, Valerie Plame, Karl Rove, mailing anthrax to the Democrats, all of this and more drove a huge wedge in between the parties. As a Democrat you wouldn't even consider hanging a flag up on July 4th--people might think you were a Republican.

Meanwhile, all of this time, the Sustainable Development machine moved forward. Both parties (feeding on corporate dollars) supported it, furthered it with legislation, strengthened the Environmental Protection Agency, and brought UN Agenda 21 principles into every federal agency--without your knowledge. When you did hear about it from the corporate owned mainstream press it was in glowing terms about saving the planet.

You watched and suffered as your school systems were subjected to Goals 2000 and No Child Left Behind and Outcomes Based Education and Common Core never knowing that no matter how much money was thrown into these experiments in teaching and testing that your children would come out less able to live independent creative lives. Those who were diagnosed with learning disabilities were doused with drugs and warehoused for a dozen years--the silent illiterates. The kids who did well were overloaded with homework and staggering schedules that made office work seem like a relief.

Right around 2002 the planning revolution exploded across America as Growing Smart: Legislative Guidebook with Model Statutes for Planning and the Management of Change was brought into every planning department, university and college in the nation. Written by the American Planning Association and funded by a partnership between the federal government, Siemens Corporation, and wealthy foundations, this is the blueprint for the new laws and regulations being trotted out by your local city council and county supervisors. This planning revolution was sponsored by the President's Council on Sustainable Development (1993-1999) as the first major step in bringing UN Agenda 21/Sustainable Development into the US. Every federal agency changed their policies to adhere to it. Those federal agencies are giving grants to local governments to implement it.

The tracks of UN A21/SD are everywhere but the corporate press has lied about it for 20 years. When the press isn't pretending that it doesn't exist it does the next best thing: mocks anyone who questions or calls out Sustainable Development as a corporate takeover plot to eliminate pesky national boundaries and representative government.

Using the lie of 'consensus' the corporation-funded non-profits go into

neighborhoods and propagandize for programs and plans that give the illusion of strengthening the voice of the people. Instead that so-called consensus crafts public opinion and blocks anyone from dissenting. Yes, if you disagree with governance by unelected boards and commissions you'll be shamed and cut out of the herd.

Money talks, baby. Left, right, center--money talks. Now that the Democrats are on top the rhetoric has changed but the big money corporations are still calling the shots. BP is Green! Siemens (the Nazi corporation) makes high speed trains and light rail and owns water rights and solar and wind and makes huge amounts of money from GREEN. Siemens also funded Growing Smart Legislative Guidebook. IBM (Nazi collaborator) makes biometrics technology and smart grid and retinal scans and systems for water agencies to monitor you.

If you're a Democrat and you start saying the Emperor has no clothes you'll be rejected, mocked, shamed, and smeared. Not many people will be brave enough to QUESTION AUTHORITY if it means rejection from the tribe. Most Democrats will ignore objections to Sustainable Development as a right wing Republican attempt to sway hapless followers. It's easier than standing up and recognizing that the 1% is using green to manipulate the left.

And the press? The corporate press is tasked with selling this to you and using the hard sell. The threat is that you'll be destroying the planet if you don't go along. They make it sound so good that you won't ask the question: If this is so good why has it been a secret for the last 20 years? If this is so good why was the economy pumped and dumped? If this is so good why are my kids struggling to read? If this is so good why did I lose my house? If this is so good why are we still in Iraq and Afghanistan? If this is so good why is every single land use plan in the United States identical? If this is so good why are corporations persons? If this is so good why can't Democrats and Republicans work together? If this is so good why was the National Defense Authorization Act passed? If this is so good why are we subject to domestic surveillance? If this is so good why are we on Prozac, Wellbutrin, and every other drug prescribed to make us not care?

If you're identifying yourself as a Progressive Democrat you'll be inclined to think UN Agenda 21 is some fantasy of the right wing and laugh it off. **Do you have the guts to admit that you've been wrong? Or will you listen to the corporate press and be duped? What does it take for you to realize that the left and right are fighting the same fight?** It's the banks and big corporations buying off the government and non-profits. **Global governance.** New World Order behind the green mask.

AWARENESS IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE RESISTANCE.

- See more at: <http://www.democratsagainstunagenda21.com/1/post/2013/01/mainstream-press-lies-about-un-agenda-21-why.html#sthash.p6GqJVuV.dpuf>



Melman Minutes

By Leonard Melman August 21st, 2013

<http://www.themelmanreport.com/minutes/minute975.html>

One of the most difficult problems in economic analysis is to separate the data which in truth is meaningless 'noise' from reports that can clearly identify an important piece of background information. The following two charts suggest that concept in terms of precious metals price movements.



Please note the trend in the US Dollar index has been solidly to the downside for the past two months. From our point of view, that has always been one of the primary considerations in future gold price movements.



Now, please also note that the improvement in the price of gold has taken place in virtual lock-step with weakness in the Greenback, suggesting that the future fortunes of the US Dollar will be a major factor in the fortunes of gold, silver and the other precious metals. Clearly, identifying and following data which will likely have an impact on the US Dollar will be a primary focus for The Melman Report in weeks and months to come.



Because We Live Here, The human cost of feel good environmentalism

by Lance Waldren Pioneer Press May 16, 2007

Article made available by Barb Hall, Klamath Bucket Brigade

<http://www.klamathbucketbrigade.org/>

There are many people out there who have the very best intentions when it comes to causes they think they should support and fight for. The ideals sent out by most environmental groups sound wonderful and noble. They pull at many heart strings. For example, who wouldn't want to save the pristine wilderness in Southeast Alaska. Let's stop all the logging!

Most people who buy into programs such as this, have first of all, never been to Alaska. If they have, it has been while sitting on the deck of a cruise ship, drinking a glass of wine, while traveling the inside passage.

These people are told that logging companies are clear-cutting the forests. That the beautiful views from their cruise ships will soon be destroyed by the money hungry timber industry. They have to do something, now, to save Alaska.

Well, I would like to tell you a story.

I lived in Ketchikan, Alaska for 11 years. I worked for the Ketchikan Police Department and when I left, I was a Sergeant and a supervisor for the areas Death Investigation Team. I saw firsthand the destruction of communities, families and lives from a single bill signed by the Clinton Administration.

Here is a little background.

Ketchikan is on an island in the middle of the Tongass National Forest. The island has a population of approximately 16,000 people and the economy is fueled by logging and fishing. The surrounding areas had small logging communities which supplied logs to the one pulp mill in the state. The mill employed about 500 people and was a major economic cornerstone for the community.

The Tongass National Forest is the largest in America and covers most of Southeast Alaska, with a total acreage of nearly 17 million acres. Of the 17 million acres, over six million acres are all ready designated as Wilderness and National Monuments. Of the remaining 11 million acres, only ten percent was eligible to be logged. That left approximately 1.1 million acres of the 17 million that could be used. That 1.1 million could have sustained the logging industry in Southeast Alaska indefinitely. I think that is being pretty well protected already.

The other thing you must remember is Southeast Alaska is made up of islands and the only roads were ones built to get the timber out to the shore where it would be barged to town. Once the logging was completed the roads where abandoned because there no way to get a vehicle to the islands. After a few years the roads where over grown and never to be seen again.

When the Clinton Administration signed the bill saying you could no longer build roads for logging it was devastating. The mill had a contract with the Forest Service for so many board feet of timber a year and they still had 25 years left on the contract. The Clintons cancelled the contract and closed the only mill left in Southeast Alaska. They paid the city a lump sum and said good luck. They had effectively shut down the logging industry.

As a law enforcement officer, it took a while to see the effects this had on our area, but it soon became obvious. This had been a hard working, family oriented community. Now with a whole industry shut down, the housing market collapsed, unemployment sky rocketed and the problems were just beginning.

Here was a strong group of family men who had worked hard their whole lives. Now there was no work and they could not support their families. It started with alcoholism. I watched and saw men I had known for many years simply shrivel into shells of the men I once knew.

Too proud to go on welfare or to leave the homes where they had grown up. With the collapse of the housing market most owed more on their homes than they were worth.

Then came the domestic violence and the destruction of hundreds of families. The arrests started and then the divorce rate went through the roof. The frustration level felt by these men and their families was incredible.

In the second year, after the loss of logging, most of the families had used up their savings and things were beginning to become desperate. That was when my job became very busy.

I began responding to suicide after suicide. I would be sent in to clean up the mess left behind by men who had once been proud, hard working members of our community.

I personally watched the destruction of the outlying communities. I personally watched the destruction of families and I personally watched the destruction of countless lives.

When you hear stories that pull at your heart strings such as saving the pristine Alaskan wilderness, or helping some endangered fish. Stop and think about the true effects that a simple decision can have on the lives of so many people. The destruction and suffering I witnessed could never be justified because someone back east did not want to see a clear cut on their Alaskan cruise.

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Response to Feel Good Environmentalism

George Sexton and Jerry Jones

6/22/07

In May we published an article: Because We Live Here, The human cost of feel good environmentalism, by Lance Waldren. George Sexton from Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Project contacted us regarding Waldren's article, complaining that the Tongass area was exempt from Clinton's roadless rule. Tonight we spoke with a man who logged near the Tongass. We will share both of their remarks:

"Just so you know, the 'Clinton roadless rule' specifically exempted the Tongass National Forest and was never applied there. In fact the Tongass is the only National Forest specifically excluded from the roadless rule. Read the rule. Which means that Mr. Waldren's article is a fabrication (aka bullshit). Not that the Pioneer Press or KBC would ever print anything of questionable veracity in order to advance a political agenda...

Regards, George Sexton (Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Project) 5/18/07

Tonight we met a man who lived and logged in Alaska. Responding to Sexton's complaint, Jerry Jones from Chiloquin, Oregon explained the situation:

Yes, Clinton did exempt the Tongass wildlands from the roadless ban. However, all funds to create roads were virtually eliminated, so, with no funds to built roads, people could not log in the Tongass.

He said that 90% of Alaska is designated 'roadless'. Most of the logging in Alaska is done by indian tribes, who formed corporations and they clearcut their forests and sell the products to foreign countries. What they would do is take logs with flaws, pay fees for inferior grade of wood, cut out the flaws, then sell the wood as premium quality wood.

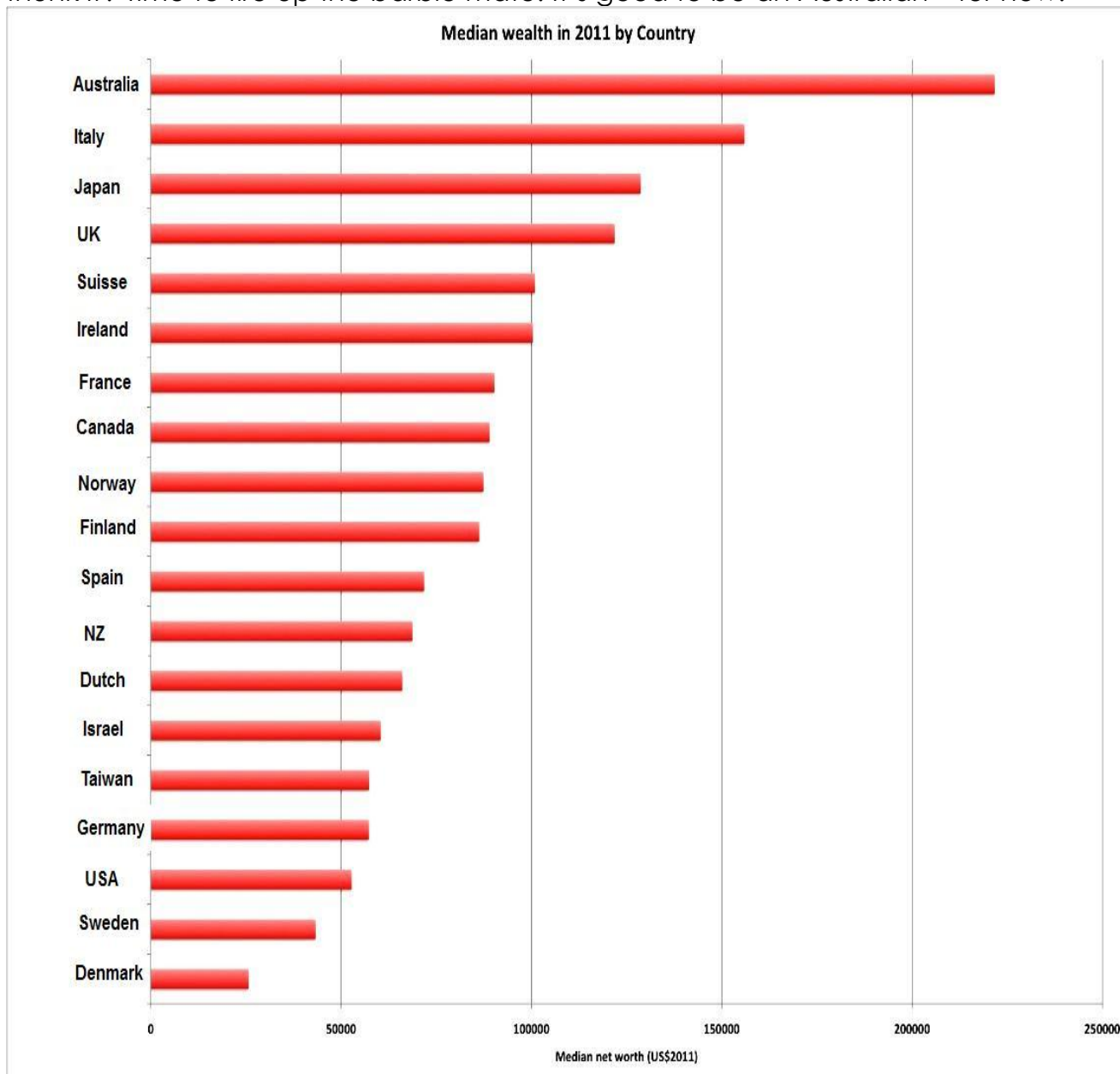


WTF CHART OF THE DAY

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<http://www.theburningplatform.com/?p=37624>

This should brighten your mood for the weekend. The average Italian has a net worth three times as much as you. I thought their country was a shambles. The average freaking Spaniard has a higher net worth than you. I guess buying shit on credit for the last three decades didn't actually make us richer. Who da thunk it? Time to fire up the barbie mate. It's good to be an Australian – for now.





The first senior moment.



Word from Webster - - - Obstructionist mania

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If I were a betting man, I'd place my wager that most of the dams on the Klamath River will be coming out.

In some ways I may be premature in placing this bet and I could be made a fool of later.

In all actuality, the Klamath Dam debate is obstructionism at its finest. Actually, there is nothing "fine" about obstructionism - it's detrimental to unity, community and the spirit of finding the middle ground to move forward.

One would think that the praise-be-Al-Gore crowd would be clamoring to save dams which produce cheap, renewable energy without harming the carbon footprint. The more dams producing power the less of Gore's global warming.

The Klamath Dams are just the beginning. O'Shaughnessy, Hetch Hetchy, Elwha and Matilija are next on the hit list. The amazing aspect of the rest of these dams

is they're actually the ones servicing the major metropolitan areas in which the obstructionists are living.

But the fish, what about the fish?

While, an obstructionist isn't pro-fish when it comes down to the bottom line. Pacific Power was willing to spend \$350 million to place fish-ladders at its dam sites to allow the fish safe passage. The obstructionists are rejecting the fish ladders.

What about the fish?

Yes, Pacific Power is footing the bill for the fish hatchery which is producing 25 percent of the chinook salmon every year in the Klamath.

The obstructionists, headed by Robert Kennedy Jr. is suing on the grounds that the hatchery is releasing too much toxic discharge.

Maybe you think the obstructionists are looking for alternative methods of power production which are cleaner and greener than the Klamath dams.

How about the wind? Absolutely not. The obstructionists call wind farms "cuisinarts of the sky" and have sued the farms for shredding migratory birds.

Solar is green and clean, isn't it? No way. The solar solution involves placing large mirrors all over the beautiful Mojave Desert, a concept the Sierra Club testified against before congress.

Well then, surely geothermal is alright and the perfect green, clean method to replace the unclean-non-green dams. Hold your horses, Sister Sue, you know what happens there. The same folks seeking to remove the dams valiantly fought the geothermal solution as it would harm sacred, protected land.

We go back to the premise that obstructionists aren't seeking solutions, they seek annihilation. Humans aren't part of the solution or figured into the equation, humans are the problem in their minds.

I would agree with this latter assessment in part. Humans are part of the problem, but not all humans, just the obstructionists. Take Al Gore for example. He lives in a 6,000 square foot mansion with a fleet of planes and limos - literally.

Al Gore alone could single handily turn around the global warming problem simply by riding a bicycle.

-Daniel Webster



Trust Me, I'm a Scientist

Why so many people choose not to believe what scientists say

By [Daniel T. Willingham](#) | May 5, 2011

Scientific American Newsletter

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=trust-me-im-a-scientist>

A friend of mine has long held that a vaccination his son received as an infant triggered his child's autism. He clings to this belief despite a string of scientific studies that show no link between autism and vaccines. When the original paper on such a link was recently discredited as a fraud, my friend's reaction was that it will now be more difficult to persuade people of the dangers of vaccination. He is not alone: nearly half of all Americans believe in the vaccine-autism link or are unsure about it.

The paradox goes deeper. My friend insists that he trusts scientists—and again, in this respect, he is like most Americans. In a 2008 survey by the National Science Foundation, more respondents expressed “a great deal” of confidence in science leaders than in leaders of any other institution except the military. On public policy issues, Americans believe that science leaders are more knowledgeable and impartial than leaders in other sectors of society, such as business or government. Why do people say that they trust scientists in general but part company with them on specific issues?

Many individuals blame the poor quality of science education in the U.S. If kids got more science in school, the thinking goes, they would learn to appreciate scientific opinion on vaccines, climate, evolution and other policy issues. But this is a misconception. Those who know more science have only a slightly greater propensity to trust scientists. The science behind many policy issues is highly specialized, and evaluating it requires deep knowledge—deeper than students are going to get in elementary and high school science classes. A more direct

approach would be to educate people about why they are prone to accept inaccurate beliefs in the first place.

Humans do seem to prize accuracy above all. We want our beliefs to be accurate—to align with what is really true about the world—and we know that science is a reliable guide to accuracy. But this desire to be accurate conflicts with other motives, some of them unconscious. People hold beliefs to protect important values, for example. Individuals who think of nature as sacred may perceive genetic modification as morally wrong, regardless of its safety or utility. People also hold beliefs that are rooted in their emotions. A flu pandemic that can cause widespread death among the innocent may cause feelings of fear and helplessness. One way to cope with those emotions is to belittle warnings of a pandemic as improbable.

In reconciling our rational and irrational motives for belief, we have become good at kidding ourselves. Because we want to see ourselves as rational beings, we find reasons to maintain that our beliefs are accurate. One or two contrarians are sufficient to convince us that the science is “controversial” or “unsettled.” If people knew that other motives might compromise the accuracy of their beliefs, most would probably try to be on their guard.

Asking science teachers to impart enough content to understand all the issues may be unrealistic, but they might be able to improve people’s appreciation for the accuracy of scientific knowledge. Through the study of the history of science, students might gain an understanding both of their own motivations for belief and of science as a method of knowing. If a student understands how a medieval worldview could have made a geocentric theory of the solar system seem correct, it is a short step to seeing similar influences in oneself.

Science history can also help students understand why scientific knowledge grows ever more accurate. It is easy for a nonscientist to dismiss an unpleasant conclusion as controversial on the grounds that scientists constantly change their minds: “First they say chocolate is bad for us, then it’s good ... they can’t decide anything.” By studying how new observations led to the revision of important theories, however, students see that science is not about immutable laws but provisional explanations that get revised when a better one comes along. They also see that scientists’ readiness to change their beliefs to align with data is a source of great strength, not weakness, and why near consensus on issues such as global warming or vaccine safety is so impressive. Science may not be the only way of organizing and understanding our experience, but for accuracy it fares better than religion, politics and art. That’s the lesson.

DEFINITION OF A VETERAN

A veteran - whether active duty, retired, National Guard or Reserve - is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including my life."

That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.

Thousands Rally in Romania Against Gold Mine

By REUTERS, September 1, 2013

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BUCHAREST — Thousands of Romanians across the country rallied late on Sunday to protest against the leftist government's support for a plan to open Europe's biggest open-cast gold mine in the small Carpathian town of Rosia Montana.

The project, which aims to use cyanide to mine 314 tonnes of gold and 1,500 tonnes of silver, has drawn fierce opposition from civic rights groups and environmentalists, who say it would destroy ancient Roman gold mines and villages.

It is led by Rosia Montana Gold Corporation, majority-owned by Canada's Gabriel Resources Ltd with the Romanian government holding roughly 20 percent.

The project has been valued at \$7.5 billion based on a 2007 study that used an average price of \$900 per ounce of gold, with Romania estimated to get about 75 percent of the benefits in taxes, royalties, dividends and jobs.

Gold currently trades around \$1,390 per ounce.

Earlier this week the government approved a draft law enabling Gabriel to open the mine after securing a bigger stake in the project, which has been awaiting a green light for 14 years. Parliament is expected to vote on the law this month.

In the capital Bucharest, up to 3,000 protesters marched towards the government headquarters from University Square, the scene of violent anti-austerity protests early last year that toppled a previous government.

Protesters held aloft banners saying "United for Rosia Montana" and "Our children don't want cyanide". Protesters also gathered in the northwestern Romanian city of Cluj. A separate rally against shale gas exploration, drew another 2,000 people onto the streets in the eastern town of Barlad.

"This protest can get people together," said Ioana Paun, 28, who joined the protest in Bucharest. "From what I am hearing around me, this is only the beginning."

Prime Minister Victor Ponta strongly opposed the project before he took power in May last year yet voted for the draft law enabling the mine, only to tell a local television station that he would vote against the project in parliament.

Most Rosia Montana residents hope the project will bring jobs and money to their impoverished town, which suffered when a state-owned gold mine closed in 2006. Only a small number of the town's of 2,800 residents refuse to sell their property to make way for the mine.

The company proposes carving open four quarries over the mine's lifespan, work that would destroy four mountain tops and wipe out three outlying villages of the 16 that make up Rosia Montana municipality, while preserving the town's historical center.



Gold 'will hit \$1,500' as investors seek safe haven

Gold could climb to \$1,500 (£968) an ounce if military action is taken against Syria, City analysts predict.

By Emma Rowley, The Telegraph, 31 Aug 2013

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/commodities/10278463/Gold-will-hit-1500-as-investors-seek-safe-haven.html>



The upward trend of the great bull market has been broken. The technical damage is brutal. Bank of America expects a further drop to \$1,200. Be patient

The yellow metal climbed above the \$1,433 mark on Wednesday, its highest level since mid-May, as tensions around Syria increased its allure as a “safe haven”. On Friday it ended the week at \$1,395 against its late-June trough of \$1,180 an ounce.

“Safe-haven and geopolitical hedges are back in vogue,” said analysts at HSBC. The metal's price has passed both its 50-day and 100-day moving averages this month, setting it on course for the \$1,500 mark. “Gold is now decisively through previous resistance and is pushing higher towards the \$1,500-\$1,532 area,” said Citigroup's technical research team in a recent note.

The threat to supply from a strike in the South African gold sector announced for the coming week could also push prices higher, while jewellery-buying in China and India to take advantage of the price weakness has been offering support.

Any move further upwards could be short-lived, however. In the longer term, many expect concerns about “tapering” by the Federal Reserve — the unwinding of its vast, inflationary monetary stimulus — will dull gold's appeal. If the US central bank does start curbing its \$85bn-a-month bond-buying programme in September that would dent the metal, which benefited from this flood of liquidity.

Ed Morse, Citigroup's chief commodities analyst, said while the action in the gold market was "understandable, it's all related to political risk insurance as perceived by participants in the market", and the price should drop back. "Once military action has been taken, the gold market will sell off," he said.

Gold hit a high of \$1,900 an ounce in September 2011, but when inflation is taken into account that does not compare with its 1980 high of \$873 — \$2,475 an ounce in current money.



What does summer's end mean for gold and silver?

Lawrence (Lawrie) Williams, London, MineWeb, 02 Sep 2013

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/content/en/mineweb-gold-analysis?oid=203268&sn=Detail>

Today is Labor Day in the USA, the official end of summer as far as the country's citizenry is concerned, and everything changes. From tomorrow the top bankers, fund managers financiers etc. are back at their desks supposedly refreshed from their summer in the Hamptons, the Caribbean or points further. Summer dependent businesses close down for another year, women start wearing fall and winter fashions regardless of the temperature – and the silly season in news comes immediately to an end. The equity market professionals are back and the next pattern of investment flows will rapidly start to establish itself.

For gold and silver investors everything could change. Some kind of direction will likely establish itself, but whether this will be upwards or downwards remains to be seen. If the past is anything to go by, September can be a strong month for precious metals, but it isn't always so – take 2011 for example. Arguably the major turning point in the gold price after its heady days through the 2011 summer started immediately after Labor Day that year, but this has tended to be the exception. Those who move the markets saw a gold price rise through June, July and August 2011 which they reckoned was overdone – and the general trend in price has been downwards since with gold currently sitting some \$500 below its heady 2011 peak.

This year gold and silver made something of a recovery from their recent nadirs through the summer months, but we don't think this will have been seen as an over-excessive gain by the financial community in the same way that that of 2011 was. There does seem to have been something of a change of sentiment with regard to precious metals. Some safe haven talk has resurfaced, there is an increasing realisation that almost all the physical gold which may have been

released by investors in the West has been taken up in the East – and more. Comex gold inventories have been slipping away and there are indications that some of the big bullion banks, JP Morgan in particular, are turning long on gold. Things could thus be about to change for the better for the precious metals investor.

But in the world of gold nothing is certain. There is the overhang of a possible, or even probable, Fed tapering of its bond buying programme. This has to come to an end sooner rather than later, but the Fed's problem is to make the winddown in QE lead to a soft landing in equity markets which are nervous that any reduction in stimulus will have an adverse effect on company performance and the recovery, such as it is. Initially the markets saw the gold price as likely to be adversely affected by a winding down of QE, having been boosted by its implementation, but with further analysis it was also realised that the overall rise in the equity markets had also been stimulated by QE, and these could be even more vulnerable to its gradual withdrawal. As we pointed out here some time ago, gold was strongly on the rise well before QE was put in place. Equities were not!

What are things to look out for in the months ahead with regard to gold – and in markets in general? Firstly, the big gold ETFs – GLD in particular – could be seen as the true bellwether as to where gold is likely to trend. The big sell-off seems to have come to an end – or, at the very least, going through a hiatus. Recently GLD has picked up a small amount, but if heavy sales re-commence, then this is obviously a bad indicator for gold. Should purchases – even on a small scale – continue, this is a positive sign that sentiment is changing in gold's favour.

Eastern buying: There are already indications that the improvement in the gold price has seen a slight slowdown in the volume of Chinese buying, with Shanghai gold premiums reportedly dropping back. However, gold premiums in India remain at very high levels following the government's imposition of big precious metals import duties, with the recognition too that these are leading to gold smuggling on a hugely increased basis. One can probably discount India's official gold statistics in the next few months as being totally unrealistic as they will not include the reportedly strongly rising grey market. As with Prohibition in the U.S. in the 1920s, banning, or discouraging by fiscal means, something that people really want can even serve to stimulate demand and there's little sign that Indians' appetites for gold hoarding has diminished.

The long and short positions on COMEX will need to be watched closely too – particularly those of the big bullion banks who seldom bet against uncertainty! And they have the financial clout to effectively corner the market – or indeed a significant part of it. Even more so with silver!

But, overall, it is the state of the U.S. economy and its supposed recovery that may yet be major factor for both gold and equities. Any recognition that recovery is slower than the Fed would like, especially if unemployment fails to come down to target levels, would make any tapering – perhaps apart from a token reduction – increasingly unlikely. Good for gold and equities, although at some stage the continuing parlous state of the overall economy may start to have an increasingly adverse impact on the latter.

What other factors are out there? The lower gold price and the likelihood of some serious strike activity in the South African mines may have a negative impact on global gold production. But, in truth, small changes in newly mined gold supply have little impact on the market at present. New production is so dwarfed by swings in investment and hoarding demand nowadays that it is largely irrelevant in the market place.

Gold will tend to continue to be moved by various U.S. statistics and indicators, both up and down depending on the ebb and flow of employment figures, housing starts, budget issues, etc., but also by the threat of an escalation in the Syrian conflict and unrest in Egypt, with possible spill over into other states where there is continuing tension between the Sunni and Shia Muslim factions. If the U.S., or any other western power, is drawn into military action in Syria this will be yet another destabilising factor in world geopolitics which should be positive for gold. The Eurozone crisis will also continue to raise its head from time to time as this is nowhere near played out yet.

In short there are any number of factors which may impinge on gold and silver prices in the months ahead. One needs to follow the likely indicators closely. Overall, these factors look to this observer to be more likely positive than not for precious metals investors. Safe haven investment in gold may well be beginning to return – there are so many uncertainties out there and the potential downsides in the equities markets, in the U.S. and Europe look to be greater than those in gold. We could be in for an interesting few months as markets play out, political tensions sway – and the Fed makes its intentions on QE a little clearer, although it seems that obfuscation may remain in this latter respect. Again, as we've said before, if gold does continue its recent rise, silver should do even better – but, as was seen on Friday, even a temporary fall in the gold price can leave to an even bigger one in silver in percentage terms. It is much more of a gambler's metal, but it could be a good gamble.



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Global warming?

No, actually we're cooling, claim scientists

A cold Arctic summer has led to a record increase in the ice cap, leading experts to predict a period of global cooling.

By Hayley Dixon, The Telegraph, 08 Sep 2013

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/environment/climatechange/10294082/Global-warming-No-actually-were-cooling-claim-scientists.html>



Major climate research centres now accept that there has been a “pause” in global warming since 1997.

There has been a 60 per cent increase in the amount of ocean covered with ice compared to this time last year, they equivalent of almost a million square miles.

In a rebound from 2012's record low an unbroken ice sheet more than half the size of Europe already stretches from the Canadian islands to Russia's northern shores, days before the annual re-freeze is even set to begin.

The Northwest Passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific has remained blocked by pack-ice all year, forcing some ships to change their routes.

A leaked report to the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) seen by the Mail on Sunday, has led some scientists to claim that the world is heading for a period of cooling that will not end until the middle of this century.

If correct, it would contradict **computer forecasts** of imminent catastrophic warming. The news comes several years after the BBC predicted that the arctic would be ice-free by 2013.

Despite the original forecasts, major climate research centres now accept that there has been a “pause” in global warming since 1997.

The original predictions led to billions being invested in green measures to combat the effects of climate change.

The change in the predictions has led to UN's climate change's body holding a crisis meeting, and the the IPCC was due to report on the situation in October. A pre-summit meeting will be held later this month.

But leaked documents show that governments who fund the IPCC are demanding 1,500 changes to the Fifth Assessment Report - a three-volume study issued every six or seven years – as they claim its current draft does not properly explain the pause.

The extent to which temperatures will rise with carbon dioxide levels, as well as how much of the warming over the past 150 year, a total of 0.8C, is down to human greenhouse gas emissions are key issues.

The IPCC says it is “95 per cent confident” that global warming has been caused by humans - up from 90 per cent in 2007 – according to the draft report.

However, US climate expert Professor Judith Curry has questioned how this can be true as that **rather than increasing in confidence, “uncertainty is getting bigger” within the academic community.**

Long-term cycles in ocean temperature, she said, suggest the world may be approaching a period similar to that from 1965 to 1975, when there was a clear cooling trend.

At the time some scientists forecast an imminent ice age.

Professor Anastasios Tsonis, of the University of Wisconsin, said: 'We are already in a cooling trend, which I think will continue for the next 15 years at least. There is no doubt the warming of the 1980s and 1990s has stopped.'

The IPCC is said to maintain that their climate change models suggest a pause of 15 years can be expected. Other experts agree that natural cycles cannot explain all of the recorded warming.