



# *FAST!* CAMPAIGN

**Fix A Shaft Today!**

**A Partnership Initiative for  
Eradicating Unsafe Abandoned Mine  
Land Features**

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# HOW FAST CAME TO BE



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## Girl, 13, found dead in mine shaft

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX - A 13-year-old girl who fell into a brush-covered mine shaft while riding an all-terrain vehicle was found dead at the bottom Sunday, and her 10-year-old sister was rescued with serious injuries, authorities said.

The girls, 13-year-old Rikki Howard and 10-year-old Casie Hicks, were out for a holiday weekend ride around 7 p.m. Saturday when their father, who was riding ahead of them on a dirt bike, noticed the girls were missing.

"They were driving along and they went into the mine. It was a total accident," Mohave County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Sandy Edwards said.

The mine, believed to be inactive, is located in Chloride, about 17 miles north of Kingman. It was next to a dirt road, concealed by brush and had no signs or barriers.

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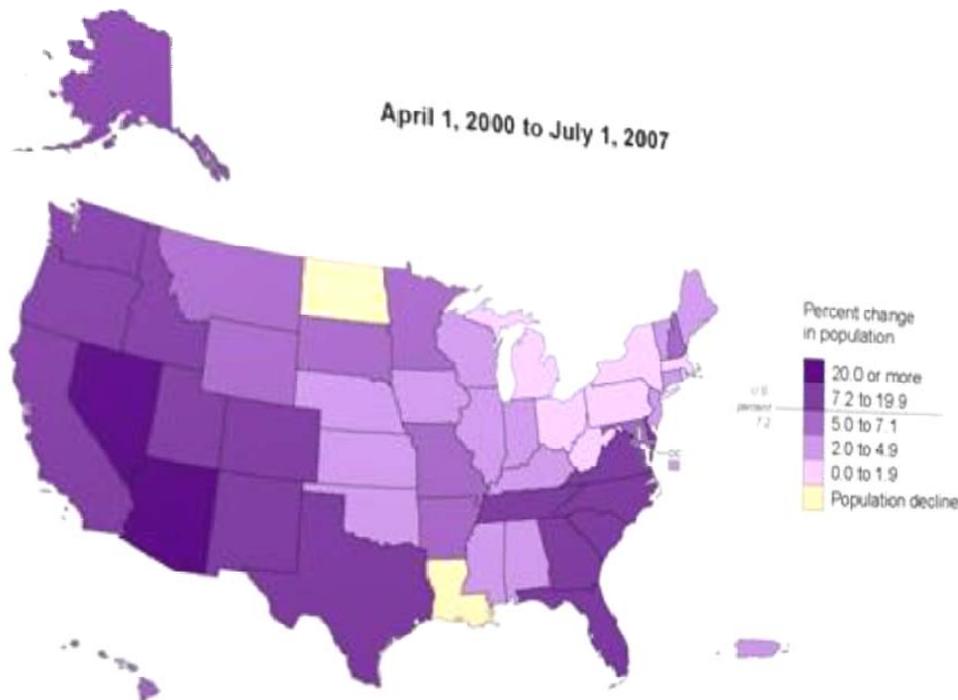
- Chloride, AZ incident
- Office of Inspector General Audits



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# OTHER INFLUENCES



- Urban sprawl
- Education
- Accessibility
- GPS & the internet

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# FORMULATION OF FAST!



- The BLM is not doing enough
- Tort claim liability for federal and private entities
- Partnerships with stakeholders is key
- BLM management commitment made at Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing (March 2008)

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# NEVADA'S MODEL



- Nevada's AML Permanent Closure Program
  - Nevada Division of Minerals
  - Nevada Mining Association (and members)
  - Construction & equipment contractors
  - Academia, bat surveyors
  - Scouts, other volunteers
- Ongoing since 1999
- Could concept be applied in other states?

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# OVERVIEW



- Identify, report, eradicate AML hazards
- **FAST!** Campaign goals:
  - Report hazardous mine features; 3Rs
  - Prevent accidents
  - Collaborative, community-based action
- Roles
- Compliments MSHA's Stay Out! Stay Alive! Campaign



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# REGULATORY COMPLIANCE



- All FAST! Campaign projects will be in compliance with existing laws and regulations
- BLM will coordinate the NEPA process for FAST! mine closures

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# INITIAL FAST! WORKSHOP



- Contacted southwestern States
- Offered to hold workshop to learn how Nevada's program works
- Held workshop in July 2008 – Boulder City, Nevada
- Distributed materials (FAST! Resource Notebook & CDs)
- Requested States & BLM Field Offices to propose 2-4 high-use/OHV areas for pilots



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# WE NEED YOU! WHAT'S IN IT FOR PARTNERS?



- Strengthen commitment to communities through your contribution
- Safer land and improved image
- Reduce potential liabilities



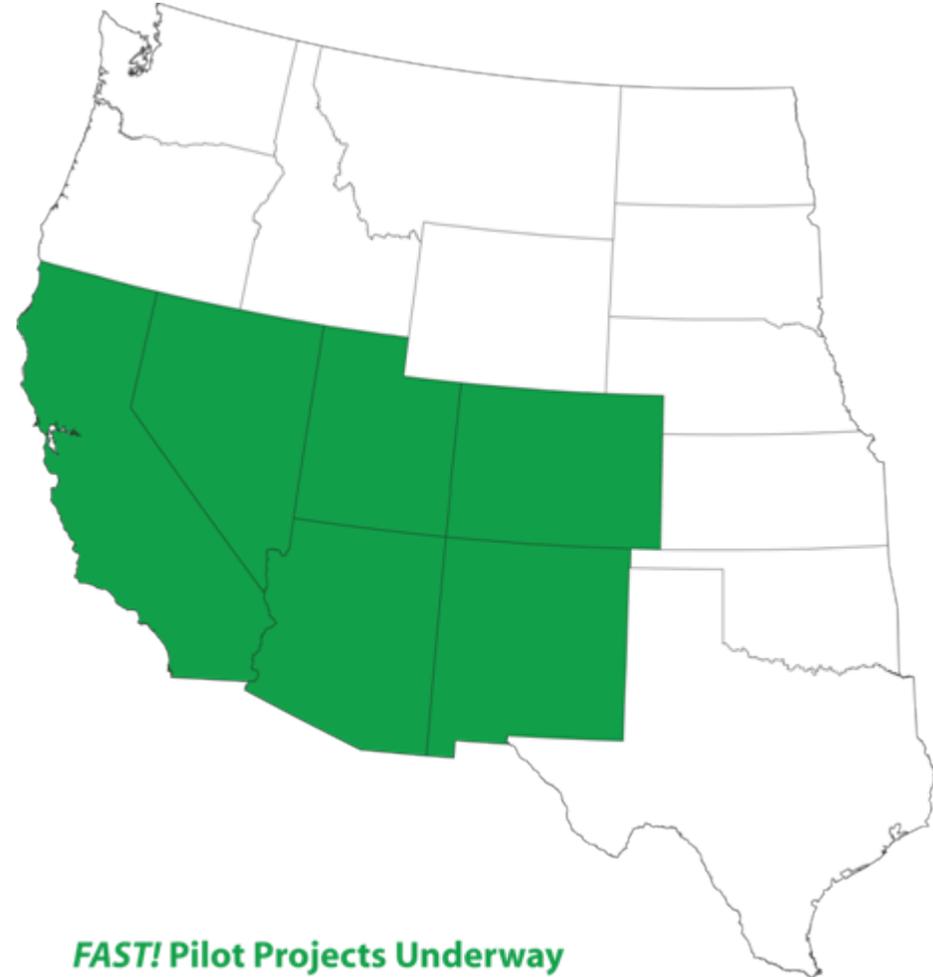
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# NEXT STEPS



- AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV, and UT Pilot Projects Underway
- Coordination with Off-Highway-Vehicle Groups
- Education/Outreach to Public
- Communication with Active Mining Claimants



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# COORDINATE WITH OFF-HIGHWAY-VEHICLE GROUPS



- Develop an approach to build potential partner base
- Conduct future meetings with OHV stakeholders
- Provide an easy to use reporting mechanism



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# EDUCATION/OUTREACH TO PUBLIC



- Public service announcements and video
- Fox Sports Network and OHV media groups
- Conducting a pilot effort with Lamar outdoor advertising on billboards
- Department of the Interior's radio public service announcement



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# *WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!*



Your expertise and commitment are invaluable in ensuring safe use of our lands/reducing accident probability



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# FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION...



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## Abandoned Mine Lands

The Bureau of Land Management's Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) program enhances public safety and improves water quality by reducing or eliminating the effects of past hardrock mining in the western United States.

BLM maintains an inventory of known abandoned mine lands on public lands. Most of the sites are abandoned hardrock mines. As of April 9, 2008, the inventory contained 32,204 sites and 49,376 features. Approximately 20% of the sites have either been remediated, have reclamation actions planned or underway, or do not require further action. The remaining 80% require further investigation and/or remediation.

The BLM and its partners are working on sharing and displaying AML spatial data within a National Mine Land Inventory. Go to [www.geocommunicator.gov](http://www.geocommunicator.gov) to view spatial data.

BLM and its "Cooperative Conservation" partners mitigate hazards to protect public health and safety, and restore watersheds for resources, recreation, fish, and wildlife. The AML program helps restore the environment and improve safety for visitors and users of public lands.

Within the BLM, the AML program coordinates projects with the BLM's Hazardous Materials Management program. Many AML sites have hazardous material features that need to be remediated.

### Abandoned Mine Lands

- About AML
- Abandoned Mine Site Inventory
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Safety & Education
- Environment & Water
- AML Publications
- Working with AML
- Contact AML

### Abandoned Mine Lands in the News

July 3, 2008 - New AML Web Portal Launched. The BLM, along with partnering Federal and State agencies, today launched a new web portal designed to provide a broad overview of abandoned mine lands, their impacts, and what is being done to address them. Visit [www.abandonedmines.gov](http://www.abandonedmines.gov).

April 21, 2008 - Washington, DC. BLM and Partners Recognized by Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne for two Cooperative Conservation Abandoned Mine Lands Projects in Colorado. Representatives of the Animas River Stakeholders Group (below top) and the Millap Mill Tailings (below bottom) partners are acknowledged by Secretary Kempthorne. Click the below images to view the press releases.

### BLM and Partners Launch "Fix A Shaft Today (FAST)" Campaign

The Bureau of Land Management is launching a new campaign to mitigate and remediate abandoned mine land physical safety hazards specifically targeting AML sites located in the southwest desert states. While the FAST Campaign is in the early stages, state agencies in Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah have expressed interest and support. Plans are to invite members of the mining and off-highway vehicle industries, volunteer and other non-government organizations to participate.

## Abandoned Mine Lands PORTAL

HOME ABOUT AMLS EXTENT OF PROBLEM STAYING SAFE WHAT'S BEING DONE PARTNERS

### Quick Links

- Report a Mine
- Contractors & Volunteers
- Legislation

### Geocommunicator

Map 771

See where AMLs are located using Geocommunicator—a collaborative effort to share geospatial data on AMLs.

### News

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#### OSM Issues Proposed Rules for the Abandoned Mine Land Program

The U.S. Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) announced today publication of a proposed rule. [\(more\)](#)

#### HWUA/U.S. EPA: Remediation of Abandoned

[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/Abandoned Mine Lands.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/Abandoned_Mine_Lands.html)

<http://www.abandonedmines.gov/>

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