

Call To Action

Arizona Jobs & Economy at Stake

One of Arizona's largest, oldest and most respected mining companies (Arizona-based Asarco LLC) is seeking approval of a land exchange with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The "Ray Land Exchange" will provide the public with environmentally sensitive lands having higher natural resource values, consolidates scattered land parcels and increases public land access. It will also strengthen the Ray Mine (near Kearny) and nearby Hayden operations - Plus it will extend the life of the combined operations which serve as a major economic engine for the region and the State.

Ray Land Exchange: *Asarco will give 7,304 acres of environmentally sensitive land in Mohave County and Pinal County to the public, in exchange for 10,976 acres of BLM-managed land in and around the Ray Mine and Hayden operations. BLM opened a 90-day comment period Nov. 17, 2017 to solicit feedback on the pending action – The comment period ends Feb. 16, 2018.*



How YOU Can Help:

1. **Write a brief letter supporting the Ray Land Exchange** and send before Feb. 16, 2018 to: BLM Arizona State Office, Attn: Ray Land Exchange, One N. Central Avenue, #800, Phoenix, AZ, 85004. (You can also email it to: blm_az_raylandexchange@blm.gov or submit online at <http://go.usa.gov/xn2FG>, click "Documents" then click "Comment on document")
2. **Attend an Open House Public Meeting** and fill out a Comment Form supporting the Ray Land Exchange.
 - Tues, Jan. 16th, 5pm: Ray School Auditorium, 701 N. Hwy 177, **Kearny, AZ**
 - Wed, Jan. 17th, 5pm: Southeast Regional Library, 775 N. Greenfield Rd, **Gilbert, AZ**
 - Thurs, Jan. 18th, 5pm: Pima Community College, 401 N. Bonita Ave, **Tucson, AZ**
 - Tues, Jan. 23rd, 5pm: Mohave Community College, 1971 Jagerson Ave, **Kingman, AZ**

Points to make in your letter and/or Comment Form:

- Ray Mine (& Hayden operations) is a critical source of jobs and tax revenue for rural Arizona. The combined operations employ 1,114 Arizonans with wages/benefits totaling \$88.5 million annually and generates \$207 million in annual spending on materials. Additionally, the combined operations generate \$10.7 million annually in tax revenue which helps fund Arizona education, healthcare and transportation.
- Ray Land Exchange will strengthen Ray Mine (& Hayden operations) creating approximately 200 new direct jobs, over 500 new indirect jobs and 150 new construction jobs - Plus, it will increase annual tax revenue \$1.5 million. Additionally, it will extend the life of Ray's leach operations an additional 15 years - creating opportunities to increase local copper production and continued positive economic impact. This economic activity will benefit local communities in Pinal County and Gila County, as well as the State of Arizona.
- Ray Land Exchange is in the public interest because it creates a net benefit for Arizona by preserving environmentally sensitive land for public use (in Mohave County and Pinal County) and strengthening critically important mining and smelting operations that Arizona families depend on.

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