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Alaska Mining Day returns May 10

(Fairbanks, AK) – Alaskans are invited to celebrate the tenth annual Alaska Mining Day this Tuesday, May 10.

Alaska Mining Day was created through legislation in 2013 *“to recognize and honor the intrepid individuals and industry that played an enormous role in settling and developing the territory and the state and that continue to contribute to the economy of the state.”* The legislation allows for May 10 of each year to be observed by celebratory events and activities.

Several exciting events are planned around Alaska Mining Day:

Monday, May 9

The University of Alaska Mining and Petroleum Training Service (MAPTS) will graduate students from its 280-hour Mine Training Camp where future miners will have earned their Mining Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) 5000-23 Underground certificate and nine task competencies to enter into jobs in underground mining. The graduation will include safety and issuance of Personal Protective Equipment, tour of underground facility, student introductions and skills demonstrations, and a ceremony honoring the graduates. To attend in person please RSVP to (907) 262-0231. MAPTS also broadcasts graduation on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MAPTSUA>

Tuesday, May 10

The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) will host Alaska Mining Day at the Wedgewood Resort in Fairbanks. This full-day event will kick off at 9:00 am with the reading of Governor Mike Dunleavy’s proclamation. DNR’s Kyle Moselle will participate in the afternoon on a panel titled “Managing Alaska’s lands for multiple use, maximum benefit, and environmental protection.” The day will also include a Panel Discussion at the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce with General Managers of Alaska’s mining operations, remarks by Senator Murkowski, and presentations throughout the day on economic benefits from mining, Alaska Native Corporations’ position to support national minerals crisis, job opportunities in mining, and much more. The day will wrap up with an Alaska Mining Day celebration. See event website at: <http://www.alaskaminers.org/alaska-mining-day>

May 10-12

The 2022 Central Mine Rescue Competition will be held at the Delta Training Center in Delta Junction. Mine rescue contests serve as a training tool to improve the skills required to respond to a mine emergency. The competition strengthens cooperation among mining companies, suppliers, and appropriate authorities to enhance mine rescue preparedness. The competition will host teams from the Hecla Greens Creek Mine (AK), Coeur-Alaska Kensington Mine (AK), Northern Star Resources Pogo Mine (AK), Hecla Lucky Friday Mine (ID), U.S. Silver Corporation Galena Mine (ID) and Teck Pend Oreille Mine (WA). The teams will compete in four different areas that will showcase and strengthen their underground mine rescue skills. To learn more about the Competition, contact MAPTS at (907) 262-0231.

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