

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 09, 2014

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Denney, Vice Chairman Gibbs, Representatives Wood(35), Barrett, Moyle, Eskridge, Raybould, Andrus, Shepherd, Wood(27), Boyle, Vander Woude, Gestrin, Miller, Anderson(1), Pence, Erpelding, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Moyle, Anderson(1)

GUESTS: Jack Lyman, Idaho Mining Association; Macherieic Herrich, Veritas Advisors; Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Fish and Game; Rich Hahn, Idaho Power; Tyler Mallard, Risch Pisca; Kristeyn Kirschenman, Risch-Pisca; Jason Vial, Vander Woude; Kate Haas, Kestrel West; Bob Geddes, Farm Bureau; Phil Homen, IASA; Harold Ott, Rural Schools; Russ Hendricks, Farm Bureau; Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users.

Chairman Denney called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Chairman Denney requested the new Committee Secretary, **Jennifer Smith**, and Page, **Marija Kozomara**, to introduce themselves.

Chairman Denney requested volunteers for proofreading of the minutes. **Rep. Pence** and **Rep. Boyle** volunteered to be proofreaders.

Chairman Denney said the rules will be reviewed as a whole committee and requested representatives review the rules and identify rules requiring more time or possible controversy.

Representative Miller acknowledged his son in the audience and stated his son is visiting and just completed his masters degree in engineering.

Chairman Denney identified **Rep. Ilana Rubel** and welcomed her to the Committee.

Jack Lyman, Idaho Mining Association, gave a presentation and said the mining industry employs 9,000 Idaho employees, provides 500 million in economic activity, and provides good paying jobs. Mining adds jobs and benefits to the economy. Mr. Lyman stated permitting of mines is a long process.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Lyman** said if the Federal lands in the State were state-owned, some changes for the mining industry would be the elimination of the Environmental Impact Statement requirement. He said the state would also allow competition in mining claims.

Chairman Denney said the next meeting is a Joint Meeting on January 13, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lincoln Auditorium.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Representative Denney
Chair

Jennifer Smith
Secretary