



## Spring 2021

Thank you for your continued support of IECA and the Mountain States Chapter!

We are committed to reengaging our members this year through safe outdoor events that will allow us to meet the educational goals and networking opportunities our members have come to expect. Stay tuned for details in the weeks to come.

While in-person events are still challenging to conduct, there are abundant online learning opportunities through IECA's eHub. Of special interest is an upcoming free webinar series April 19-22 [Water Management and Soil Protection in Mining](#). We are currently planning to hold an in-person annual conference Nov 15-16 in Denver and are accepting abstracts now. Details available here: [MSC Annual Conference](#)

We welcome newly elected board members Donald Crouse and Adam Bappe along with reelected board members and the new roles they've assumed. Learn more about the individuals who make up our current [Mountain States Board of Directors](#). We are deeply grateful for these industry professionals volunteering their time and expertise to continue moving the organization forward. A special thanks to Kathy Kaiser and Ron Whiteman for their contributions during long tenures with the Board and their continued support of the Mountain States Chapter.

Thanks again for your membership; we look forward to seeing everyone again very soon!

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## Knowledge Spotlight

### Topsoil Management Considerations for Large Projects

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Topsoil is perhaps the most important resource required for successful and rapid revegetation of reclamation, restoration, and construction projects. Revegetation is critical for reducing soil erosion and subsequent off-site sedimentation. When planning for topsoil salvage, first consider local, State, and Federal requirements. The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA, 1977) was the first federal statute to define handling



compliment the operations of the larger management action that drives the need for salvaged topsoil. Our experiences with Montana mining projects involve large topsoil salvage and storage campaigns. We typically deal with historic and new topsoil stockpiles (TSPs) having a 1 to 4 acre footprint and collectively storing many hundreds of thousands of cubic yards at each individual mine site.

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