

# Getting Good Sam Across the Finish Line

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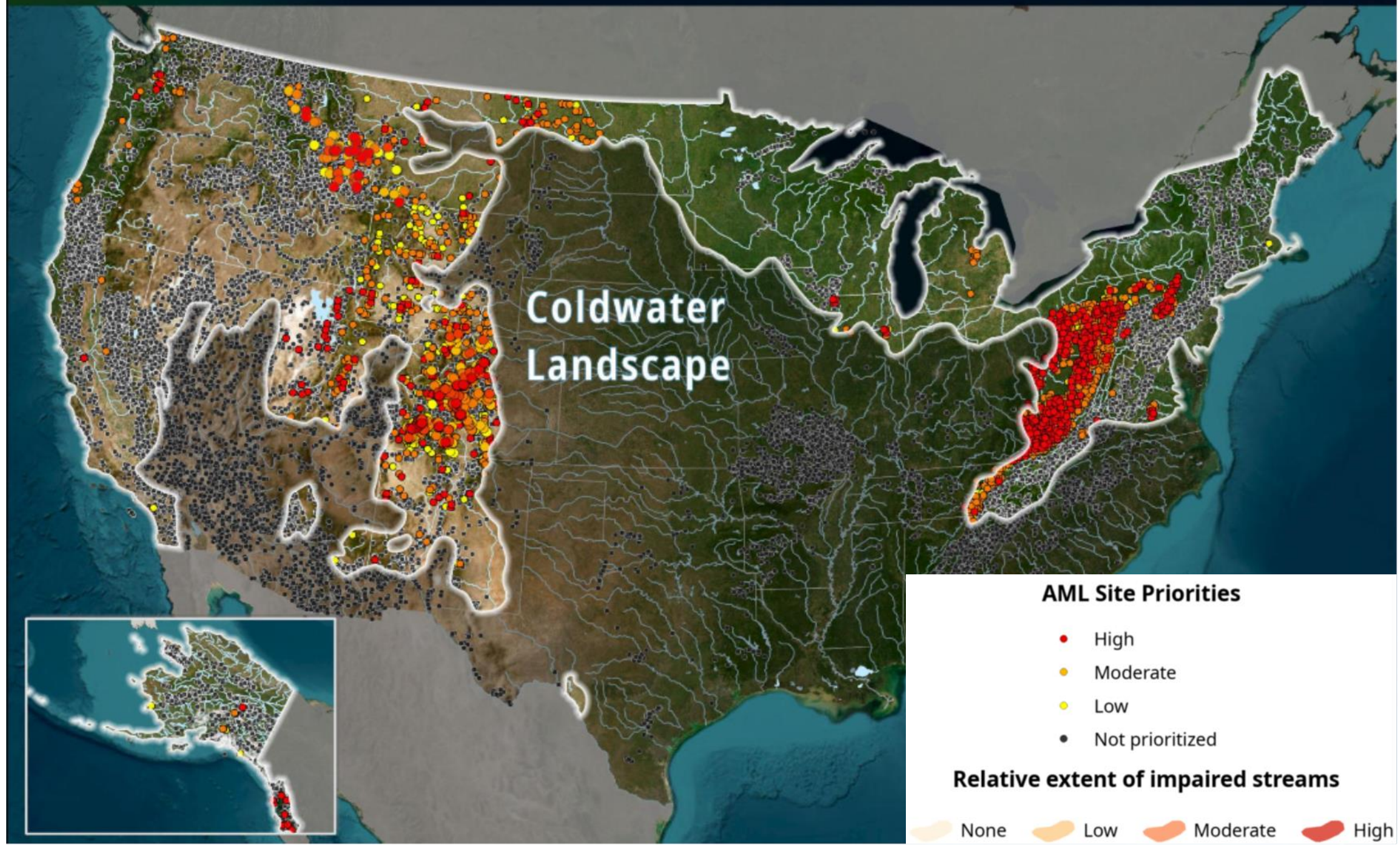
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***“The engineers say that it will work. But the lawyers say it won’t.”***





# ABANDONED MINES





## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3, 2022

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. BARRASSO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

## A BILL

To promote remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Good Samaritan Reme-  
5 diation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2022”.

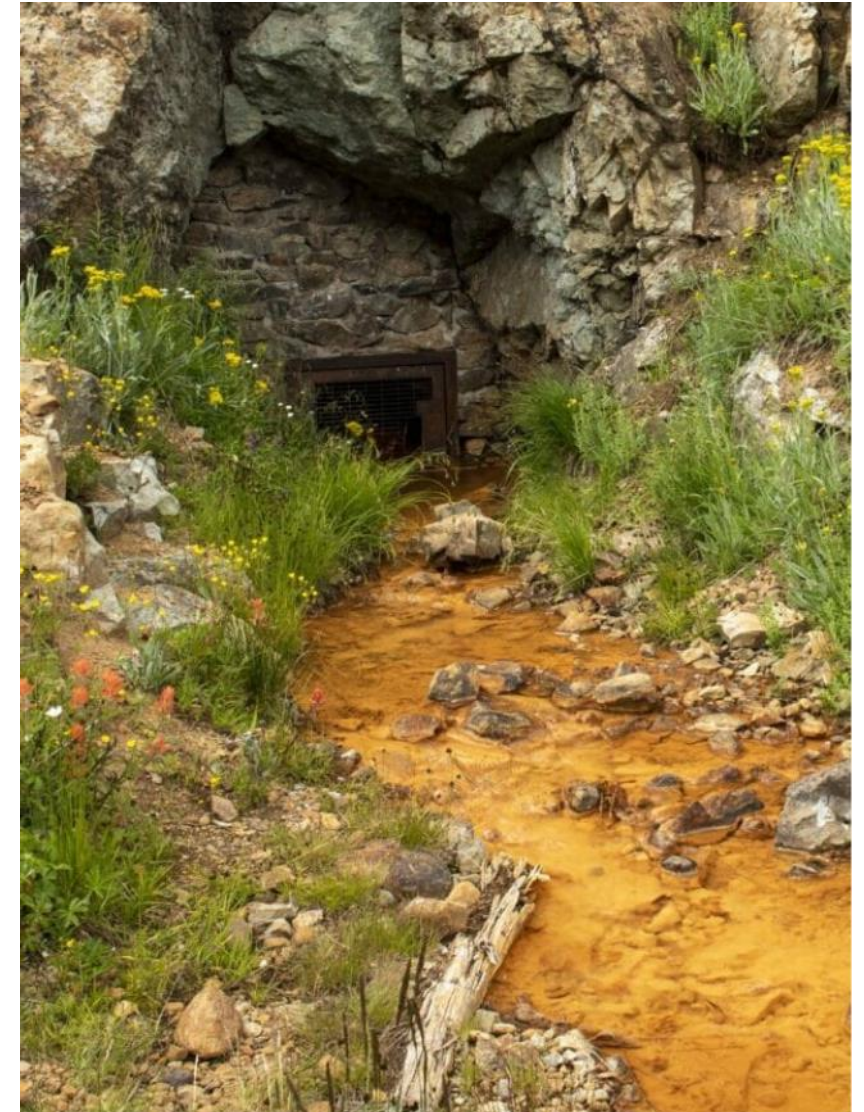
- 18 bipartisan co-sponsors
- Diverse groundswell of support
- Senate hearing in EPW



# Pilot Program Components



- 7 year/15 project pilot
- Limited liability relief
- Low risk projects
- Do no harm
- Robust public process
- Investigative sampling
- Landowner (i.e., cooperating person) participation
- Mining activities explicitly prohibited
- No profit-motive reprocessing
- Only remediation activities covered



- Leverage momentum and clear the legislative path.
- Desire from bill sponsors to be responsive to concerns.
- Legislation to be introduced in Senate \*soon\*.
- House companion bill.
- Move bill through committee and position for success.
- Legislative vehicles – permitting reform?



# Hardrock AML Funding

- Funding and liability are twin challenges.
- \$3 billion authorized in IIJA sec. 40704.
- \$5 million appropriated in FY-23.
- \$30 million in President's FY-24 budget.
- \$3 million in House for FY-24 state grants.
- Need a paradigm shift.





Questions?