



## Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month 2022

This year marks the 150th anniversary of both the opening of the U.S. Treasury Department Assay Office in Boise and the passage of the 1872 General Mining Law which authorizes and regulates hard rock mining on federal lands. While mining has always held an important place in the state's history, 2022 provides a unique opportunity to pause and reflect on the technological innovations, environmental implications, and economic and legal ramifications of hard rock mining in Idaho.

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