

OUT OF THE ROCK: THE GATEWAY TO MINERAL RESOURCES AND MINING EDUCATION

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Abstract. The National Energy Foundation, during the past five years, has placed a major emphasis on Mineral Resources and Mining Education. This emphasis has included the development of the six instructional posters, three videos with accompanying teacher's guides, and the development and implementation of the comprehensive *Out of the Rock* program. NEF also conducts numerous *Out of the Rock* teacher training workshops, and conducts many field trips and student programs. These programs would be described. This presentation will focus on the development of the *Out of the Rock* curriculum and program implementation and evaluation. Participants will learn how the materials are used, implementation strategies, and most importantly the future of the program and how they might be involved in it. Emphasis would be placed on how to take things they have learned in the presentation back to their home localities and personally be involved in strengthening and expanding minerals education. NEF is also beginning development of a new instructional poster dealing with Mining Reclamation and Technology. It is anticipated that the poster would be available for use and distribution at the ASSMR national meeting.

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