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PLACER MINING IN ALASKA

Alliance Meeting: Oct 17, 2014 Fairbanks

Alaska Miners Association

Established in 1939

Over 1,500 members

Seven statewide branches

Prospectors and Placer Miners

Large-scale mines

Vendors, suppliers

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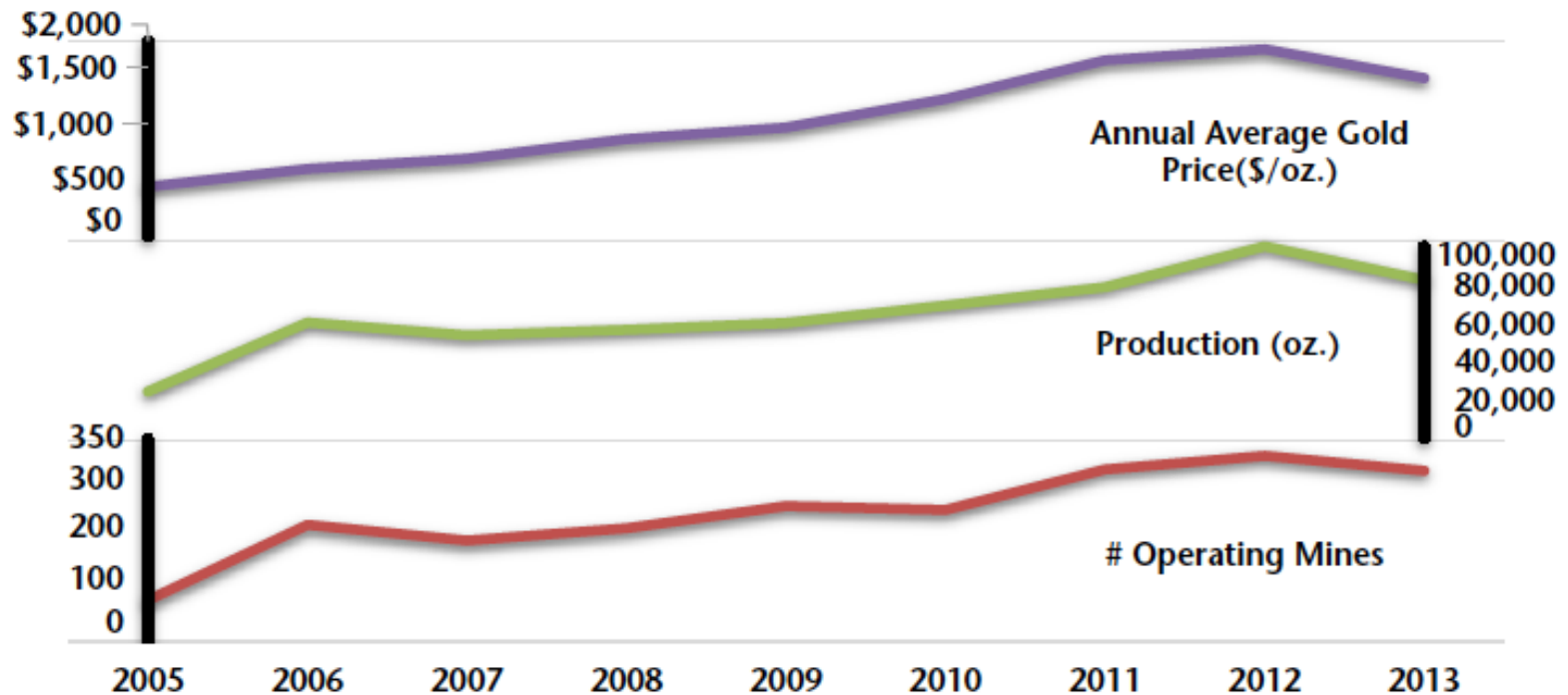
Survey Results: Production

- 300 Placer Mines in Operations actively mining in 2013
- 82,600 ounces produced, with a gross total production value of approximately \$105 million



Survey Results: Production

Estimated Alaska Placer Operations, Production, and Annual Average Gold Prices, 2005 – 2013



Source: DNR (DGGS) and DCCED estimates. Kitco London Fix annual average price.

Survey Results: Employment

- Approximately 1,200 direct jobs in 2013
- Of the 1,200 workers, 73% live in Alaska full time
- Average of 4 workers at each mine
- Direct income of \$40 million



Family Farm of the North

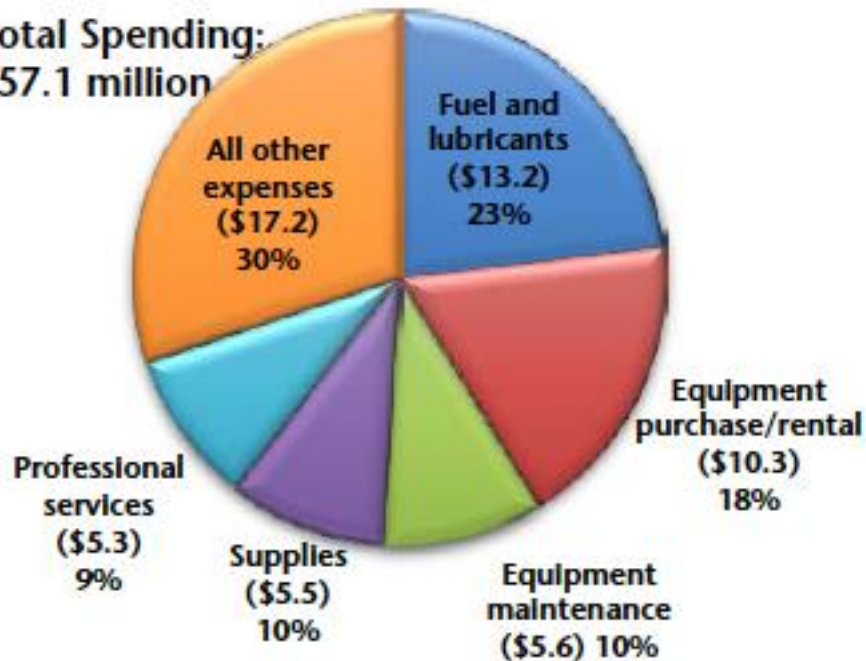


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Survey Results: Goods & Services

Estimated Alaska Placer Mining Goods and Services Spending in Alaska, in Smillions, 2013

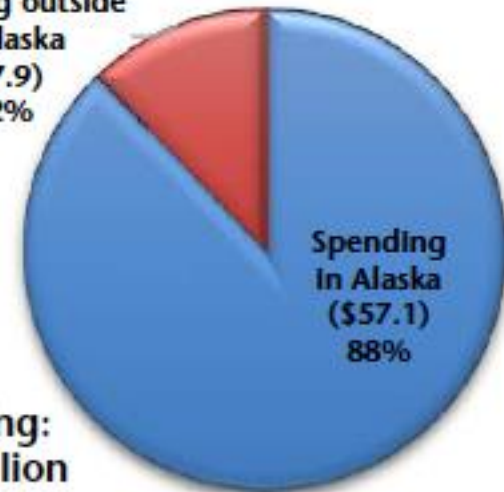
Total Spending: \$57.1 million



Estimated Alaska Placer Mining Goods and Services Spending, in Smillions, 2013

Spending outside of Alaska (\$7.9) 12%

Total Spending: \$65 million



Why this Matters

- Majority are small operations
- Family oriented
- Limited resources
- Remote Locations



Issues Affecting our Placer Miners

- BLM: Land/Access Issues
- US Army Corps of Engineers/EPA
- MSHA



Bureau of Land Management

- Land Management Plans
- Moving target
- Lack technical capacity
- Lack staff to process permits



Reclamation



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EPA/Corps of Engineers

- Over-expanding their jurisdiction
- Waters of the US (WOTUS)
- Broken System

- Corps of Engineers: Compensatory Mitigation



MSHA

- Paperwork
- Regulations for 2 man operations are the same as Fort Knox mine
- Safety is a priority for ALL



Questions?



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