

FAST!



FIX A SHAFT TODAY! Campaign

The **FAST!** Campaign is a partnership initiative among BLM, state government, mine claimants, landowners, mining industry, recreational user groups, and non-government organizations to eradicate unsafe abandoned mine land features on lands managed by BLM.

Challenges

- Hundreds of thousands of abandoned mines exist throughout the western United States and new safety hazards are being discovered every year.
- Every year, dozens of people are injured or killed in accidents while engaged in recreational activities in historic mining areas.
- Fixing these shafts will require a focused and coordinated group effort among federal, state, and local agencies, stakeholders, industry groups, and others.

Approach

- Develop partnerships which result in the donation of time, labor and use of mining equipment to aid in closing dangerous mine shafts.
- Encourage knowledge-sharing and technology transfer among government and stakeholder groups.
- Solicit technical volunteers from wildlife agencies, academia, bat enthusiasts, and amateur archeologists to assist with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearances.

Objectives

- Create a simple approach for public land users to report safety hazards.
- Identify hazards posing risks to recreational users.
- Make public and surrounding lands safe for responsible recreational users by eradicating abandoned mine shafts.

