

## Heritage Waters Coalition

*This group was formed to fight Gila River conservation efforts in Arizona and New Mexico. It has ties to the mining and ranching industries, and a board member who is a public official. It claims to be a nonprofit, but does not appear to be registered.*

**Summary:** Heritage Waters Coalition is a New Mexico group formed in 2020 with the apparent sole purpose of opposing efforts to protect the Gila River in New Mexico, including the M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Wild & Scenic River Act.

Heritage Waters' position on protecting the Gila is closely aligned with international mining giant Freeport McMoRan.

Heritage Waters purports to represent "property owners" along the river, but fails to mention on its website that the mining corporation Freeport McMoRan is the area's "[largest landowner of Riparian habitat](#)."

Catron County Commissioner [Haydn Forward](#) serves as the organization's leader, spokesman, board member, and co-founder. Forward's dual role as county commissioner and board member of the Heritage Waters Coalition raises questions about conflicts of interest.

Forward gives [presentations](#) to other county commissions and [speaks at meetings](#) in opposition to President Biden's effort to conserve 30% of lands by 2030 (known as 30x30), and waters where he describes the "dangers of wild and scenic designations."

Haydn Forward and Heritage Waters Coalition lobby extensively against the legislation to protect the Gila River. The Coalition has paid [over \\$120,000](#) since April 2020 to Freemyer & Associates, a lobbying firm that routinely [represents mining companies](#).

The Coalition's opposition to federal legislation to protect the Gila is the interests of multinational copper mining giant [Freeport-McMoRan](#). As the largest riparian landowner in the region, Freeport McMoRan called the attempt at Gila River protections a "[land grab](#)" and encouraged its employees to comment on the legislation. Heritage Waters Coalition lists the company on its [membership and support page](#).

However, without [public disclosure](#) of the company's finances and Freeport-McMoran's [refusal to confirm](#) whether the mining company donates to Heritage Waters, it is unclear whether Heritage Waters is funded by Freeport-McMoRan's [\\$11 million](#) foundation.

Our detailed report can be found below:

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**BACKGROUND:**

*Heritage Waters Coalition Formed With The Apparent Sole Purpose Of Lobbying Against Protections For New Mexico's Gila River System*

**Heritage Waters Coalition Appears To Have Been Established Solely To Oppose Wild & Scenic Designation For The Gila River System.** "The mission of Heritage Waters Coalition is to educate our community to understand the risks they face in losing their traditional lifestyles and family heritage by depopulating our communities through political actions to allow Washington to control our water, our land and our liberties. Heritage Waters Coalition opposes S. 3670, the M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Wild & Scenic River Act." [Grant County Beat, [06/19/20](#)]

**Heritage Waters Coalition Was Established In Response To Legislation That Would Protect The Gila River System.** "Heritage Waters Coalition was organized in response to these actions. The people who live, work, and make their homes along the Gila River and its tributaries are most predominantly and adamantly opposed to W&SRA. They are rural citizens." [Silver City Sun News, [06/03/20](#)]

*Heritage Waters Coalition Members Lean Heavily Toward The Mining And Ranching Industries, And Include Some Government Officials*

**Heritage Waters Coalition Says It Represents Land Owners In The Cliff-Gila Valley...** [Heritage Waters Coalition, accessed [08/11/20](#)]

**...But Doesn't Mention That The Area's Largest Riparian Land Owner Is The Copper Mining Corporation Freeport McMoRan.** [Desert Land Conservation Center, [06/30/20](#)]

**Heritage Waters Coalition Claims To Have Over 4,000 Members Which Include 42 Businesses, 4 County Commissions, 5 Government Entities And 39 New Mexico Conservation Districts.** "Since the conception of Heritage Waters Coalition in June of 2020, its education outreach and development of new members has been magnetic. In its short existence it has gained over 4000 members, 42 businesses, with 4 local County Commissions, 5 local governmental entities, and 39 New Mexico Conservation Districts all opposing our Senator's plans to eliminate existing and future water usage within the Gila watershed." [Grant County Beat, [01/30/21](#)]

*Catron County Commissioner Haydn Forward Is A Co-Founder And Board Member Of Heritage Waters Coalition*

**Catron County Commissioner Haydn Forward Is The Public-Facing Leader Of Heritage Waters Coalition.** "[Heritage Waters Coalition], which lists mining giant Freeport-McMoRan among its supporters and is led by Catron County Commissioner Haydn Forward, has warned of the negative impacts to industry, private property rights and water rights that it says could stem from management plans for each designated

segment that, if the bill becomes law, will necessarily be formulated and overseen by the U.S. Forest Service, in cooperation with other agencies." [Silver City Daily Press, [11/03/21](#)]

**Haydn Forward Is The Co-Founder Of Heritage Waters Coalition.** "“I need to protect the privacy of our members,” explained Haydn Forward, Catron County commissioner and a co-founder of the Heritage Waters Coalition. He identified himself as a member of the group’s board of directors, but said he would have to check with the other board members before he could reveal their names.” [Protect The Wild Gila River, [05/06/21](#)]

**Haydn Forward Currently Serves As A Board Member Of Heritage Waters Coalition.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Haydn Forward serves as a Board Member at Heritage Waters Coalition. [LinkedIn, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

- **Testimony Filed With The Senate Natural Resources Committee Confirmed Haydn Forward Is A Board Member At Heritage Waters Coalition.** According to Testimony filed with the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Haydn Forward is a board member for Heritage Waters Coalition. [Senate Energy And Natural Resources Committee, [09/16/20](#)]

**Haydn Forward Gives Heritage Waters Coalition Presentations To County Governments..** “The Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 22-26 will see action during Thursday's meeting of the Luna County Board of Commissioners. The board will meet at 10 a.m. on the third floor of the historic Luna County Courthouse, 700 S. Silver Street in Deming, NM. [...] The board will here (SIC) a presentation by Haydn Forward of the Heritage Waters Coalition.” [Deming Headlight, [08/11/20](#)]

## **Opposition To Conservation Efforts**

*Heritage Waters Coalition Co-Founder Haydn Forward Gave A Presentation On The "Dangers Of Wild And Scenic Designations" During A Meeting About The "Threat Posed By President Joe Biden's 30-By-30 Initiative"*

**Haydn Forward Gave A Presentation On The “Dangers Of Wild And Scenic Designations” In Community Meeting About The “Threat Posed By President Joe Biden’s 30-By-30 Initiative.”** “I started counting the existing diversions along the San Francisco and the Gila rivers,” Forward told an audience of about 15 people who gathered in the Virden Community Center one evening in mid-June, one of a series of presentations about the dangers of Wild and Scenic designation and the threat posed by President Joe Biden’s 30-by-30 initiative. “We’ve got a total of 24 diversions. All 24 of those diversions are entangled in the Dutch Salmon bill that is amending the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. There lie the risks — and it’s not just risks for irrigation, right?” [Silver City Daily Press, [11/03/21](#)]

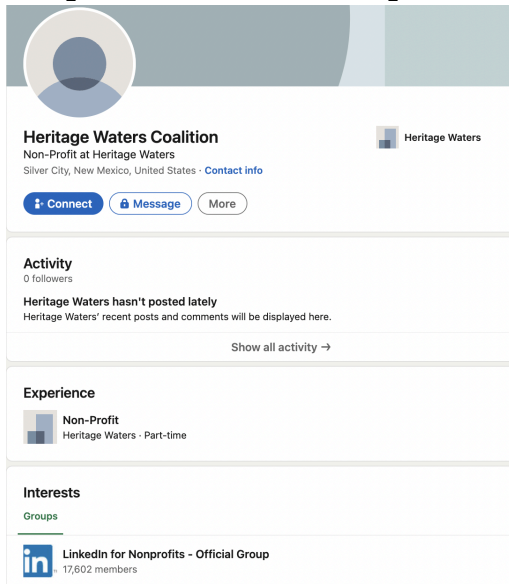
## **Nonprofit Status In Question**

*Heritage Waters Coalition Claims To Be A Non-Profit Operating In The State Of New Mexico*

**Heritage Waters Coalition Claims To Be A 501(a) Nonprofit Association.**

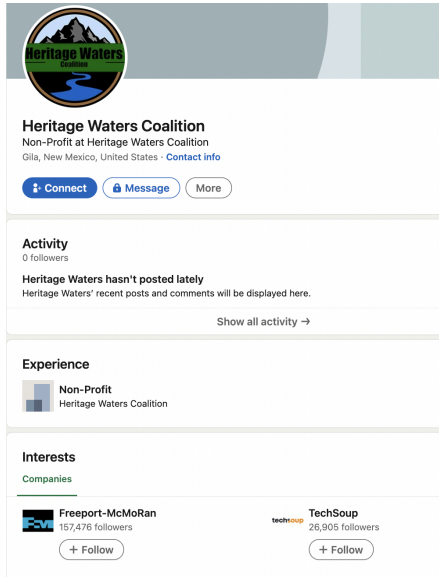
[Heritage Waters Coalition Donate, accessed [08/06/20](#)]

**A LinkedIn Profile Named 'Heritage Waters Coalition' Describes Itself As A Non-Profit In Silver City, New Mexico And Is A Member Of LinkedIn For Nonprofits - Official Group.**



[LinkedIn, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

**A Second LinkedIn Profile Named 'Heritage Waters Coalition' Describes Itself As A Non-Profit In Gila, New Mexico With Interest In The Company Freeport-McMoRan.**



[LinkedIn, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

## Heritage Waters Coalition Facebook Page Describes Itself As A 'Nonprofit Organization.'



[Facebook, accessed [09/29/22](#)]

*Heritage Waters Coalition Is Not Registered As A Nonprofit Or Business Entity With The State Of New Mexico Nor The State Of Arizona*

**Records With The New Mexico Attorney General And Secretary Of State Do Not Show That The Heritage Waters Coalition Registered.**

- “Heritage Waters Coalition” is not a registered nonprofit organization with the New Mexico Attorney General. [New Mexico Charity Search, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

- “Heritage Waters Coalition” is not a registered business or nonprofit organization with the New Mexico Secretary of State. [New Mexico Business Entity Search, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

**Records With The Arizona Secretary Of State And Arizona Corporation Commission Do Not Show That Heritage Waters Coalition Is Registered As A Business Or Nonprofit Entity In The State.**

- “Heritage Waters Coalition” is not a registered nonprofit organization with the Arizona Secretary of State. [Arizona Secretary of State, accessed [09/27/22](#)]
- “Heritage Waters Coalition” is not a registered business or nonprofit with the Arizona Corporation Commission. [Arizona Corporation Commission, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

**Nonprofit Tracker ProPublica Similarly Yielded No Results For NonProfits Named “Heritage Waters Coalition.”** [Propublica Nonprofit Explorer, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

*Heritage Waters Coalition Went Out Of Its Way To Hide Its Identity By Making Its Website Registration Anonymous And Does Not Publicly Disclose The Makeup Of Its Board, Donors, Or Expenditures*

**Heritage Waters Coalition Went Out Of Its Way To Make Its Website Registration Anonymous.**

- “HeritageWaters.org” is registered through Contact Privacy Inc. [Web registrant search, accessed [08/11/20](#)]
- Contact Privacy Inc is a service that promises to hide website registrants’ identities, effectively making them anonymous online. [ContactPrivacy, accessed [08/11/20](#)]

**Heritage Waters Coalition Does Not Publicly Disclose The Members Of Its Board Of Directors, The Sources Or Amounts Of Donations, Or How It Spends Its Money.**

“Around that time, opponents to the bill were united under the leadership of the Heritage Waters Coalition, a private organization that doesn’t publicly disclose the makeup of its board of directors or the sources or amounts of donations it collects, nor what it spends the money on. [...] “I need to protect the privacy of our members,” explained Haydn Forward, Catron County commissioner and a co-founder of the Heritage Waters Coalition. He identified himself as a member of the group’s board of directors, but said he would have to check with the other board members before he could reveal their names.” [Protect The Wild Gila River, [05/06/21](#)]

- **Heritage Waters Coalition Revealed Its Board Members In Testimony To The Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee.** According to Testimony filed with the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Heritage Waters Coalition Board Members Include:

- Hazel Donaldson
- Charlotte Griffin
- Gen Lopez
- Haydn Forward
- Buddy Eby
- Kathy Davis
- Sam Morales

[Senate Energy And Natural Resources Committee, [09/16/20](#)]

## **Mining Industry Ties: Lobbying**

*Heritage Waters Coalition Has Paid Over \$120,000 To A Lobbying Firm That Usually Works For Mining Corporations*

**Heritage Waters Coalition Registered To Lobby Through Freemyer & Associates On July 27, 2020.** [Lobbying Registration, [07/27/20](#)]

- Heritage Waters Coalition Reported \$10,000 In Lobbying Expenses In 2020 Q2. [House Lobbying Report, accessed [08/04/20](#)]

**Heritage Waters Coalition Continued Lobbying The U.S. House Of Representatives In Every Quarter, Beginning The 2nd Quarter Of 2020 Through The 2nd Quarter Of 2022.** [U.S. House of Representatives Lobbying Disclosures, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

**Heritage Waters Coalition Spent Over \$120,000 On Lobbying Expenses, Paid To Freemyer & Associates, From July 2020 To June 2022.** Heritage Waters Coalition reported the following lobbying expenditures, paid to Freemyer & Associates:

- \$10,000 in 2022 Q2 [U.S. House of Representatives Lobbying Report, [06/30/22](#)]
- < \$5,000 in 2022 Q1 [U.S. House of Representatives Lobbying Report, [03/31/22](#)]
- < \$5,000 in 2021 Q4 [U.S. House of Representatives Lobbying Report, [12/31/21](#)]
- \$20,000 in 2021 Q3 [U.S. House of Representatives Lobbying Report, [09/30/21](#)]
- \$20,000 in 2021 Q2 [U.S. House of Representatives Lobbying Report, [06/30/21](#)]
- \$20,000 in 2021 Q1 [U.S. House of Representatives Lobbying Report, [03/31/21](#)]



- \$20,000 in 2020 Q4 [U.S. House of Representatives Lobbying Report, [12/31/20](#)]
- \$20,000 in 2020 Q3 [U.S. House of Representatives Lobbying Report, [09/30/20](#)]
- \$10,000 in 2020 Q2 [U.S. House of Representatives Lobbying Report, [06/30/20](#)]

**Freemyer & Associates Lobbies Mostly For Mining Corporations.** Its other clients include Alton Coal Development, Americas Gold and Silver, Coeur Mining, Elko Mining Group, Enefit American Oil, New Nevada Resources, and Western Exploration, among others. [Senate Lobbying Disclosure, accessed [08/05/20](#)]

*Heritage Waters Coalition Paid Freemyer & Associates To Lobby Against SB 3670 And S. 3129, Legislation To Protect The Gila River And Watersheds*

**Freemyer & Associates Reported That Heritage Waters Coalition Paid Them To Lobby On S. 3129, Legislation That Would Designate Riparian Areas In Gila National Forest As Wild And Scenic Rivers.** In its 2022 Q2 Lobbying Report, Freemyer & Associates specified its lobbying issues on behalf of Heritage Waters Coalition as “S. 3129, legislation to designate portions of the Gila River, its watershed and other rivers in the Gila National Forest as Wild and Scenic Rivers” [U.S. House of Representatives Lobbying Report, [06/31/22](#)]

**Heritage Waters Coalition Lobbied Against SB 3670, The M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Wild And Scenic River Act, In The 116th Congress.** “But according to publicly available lobbying disclosure documents, the Heritage Waters Coalition has paid Washington, D.C., lobbying firm Freemyer & Associates \$110,000 since the start of 2020 to lobby specifically against passage of SB 3670.” [Congress.gov SB 3670, 116th Congress, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

## **Mining Industry Ties: Freeport-McMoRan**

*Heritage Waters Coalition Lists Freeport McMoRan, A Multinational Copper Giant, On Its Membership & Support Page*

**Heritage Waters Coalition Lists Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold On Its ‘Membership & Support’ Page.** [Heritage Waters Coalition, Membership & Support, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

- **Freeport McMoRan Did Not Confirm Or Deny Its Support For Heritage Waters Coalition, But Agreed That It Opposed The Legislation The Coalition Rallies Against.** “A Freeport-McMoRan spokesperson declined to confirm the company’s support – economic or otherwise – for the Heritage Waters Coalition, but told the Daily Press that “our position on S. 3670 is in line with that



of the National Mining Association,” which submitted a statement to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. According to that statement, the National Mining Association “has concerns that the recently introduced S. 3670, ‘The M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Wild and Scenic River Act,’ would effectively withdraw federal lands from the statutory multiple use principles that govern the management of such lands, as well as otherwise affect existing land and water rights.” [Silver City Daily Press, [10/07/20](#)]

- **Some Of Those Listed As Supporters On Heritage Waters Coalition’s Website Said They Are Not Involved With The Coalition And Did Not Know Their Names Were Listed.** ““In our short existence, we have gained 3,500 members, with four local county Commissions, five local governmental entities and 39 New Mexico conservation districts, all opposing S.3670, and the Wild and Scenic Rivers designation,” Forward said. But some of those listed as supporters by the group told NM Political Report they are not involved with the coalition and were unaware their names were being used by it. The coalition did not respond to a request for comment by NM Political Report.” [NM Political Report, [09/17/20](#)]

**Freeport McMoRan Is A Multinational Copper Mining Corporation With Operations In Indonesia And South America.** “Freeport-McMoRan (FCX) is a leading international mining company with headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona. Our company was incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware on November 10, 1987. We operate large, long-lived geographically diverse assets with significant proven and probable reserves of copper, gold and molybdenum. Our portfolio of assets includes the Grasberg minerals district in Indonesia, one of the world’s largest copper and gold deposits; and significant mining operations in the Americas, including the large-scale Morenci minerals district in North America and the Cerro Verde operation in South America.” [Freeport Mc-Mo-Ran, accessed [08/11/20](#)]

- **Freeport Mc-Mo-Ran Has Two Open Pit Copper Mines In Southeast New Mexico.** “In North America, FCX operates seven open-pit copper mines – Morenci, Bagdad, Safford, Sierrita and Miami in Arizona, and Chino and Tyrone in New Mexico; and two molybdenum mines – Henderson and Climax in Colorado. Molybdenum concentrate, gold and silver are also produced by certain of FCX’s North America copper mines.” [Freeport McMoRan, accessed [08/10/20](#)]

*The Heritage Waters Coalition And Its Supporters’ Biggest Concern Is The Effect Of The Legislation On Freeport-McMoRan’s Copper Mines*

**Heritage Waters Coalition Says Protecting The Gila Would Lead To “ESSENTIALLY SHUTTING DOWN FREEPORT MCMORAN” And Its New Mexico Copper Mines.** “Should the mining corporation of Freeport McMoRan, Inc. enter their Bill Evans Lake

diversion for cleaning or maintenance, resulting in silt and materials flowing downstream, the custodian of the River Management Plan can determine silt is negatively affecting an endangered species or common fish and stop the work on the diversion. ESSENTIALLY SHUTTING DOWN FREEPORT MCMORAN, INC. ELIMINATING JOBS AND TAX BASE.” [Heritage Waters Coalition, accessed [08/05/20](#)]

**Heritage Waters Coalition Is Also Concerned That Protecting The Gila River System Could Hurt The New Mexico Copper Corporation.** “The New Mexico Copper Corporation is applying for a 12 year mining operations permit. The company plans to mine copper ore along with gold, silver and molybdenum. It is located thirty miles southwest of Truth or Consequences near Hillsboro. The area where this mine will operate, has been designated in this bill. Therefore, creating an atmosphere for lawsuits to stop the mining.” [Heritage Waters Coalition, accessed [08/05/20](#)]

*Several Heritage Waters Coalition Members Cited Freeport McMoRan’s Mines As Their Reason For Opposing Gila River Designation*

**The Council Of Border Conservation Districts Opposes Protecting The Gila Because They Believe It Could “Shut Down” The Freeport McMoRan Mine.** “Should the mining corporation of Freeport McMoRan enter their diversion for cleaning or maintenance resulting in silt and materials flowing downstream the Custodian of the RMP can determine silt is negatively affecting the endangered species or common fish and stop the work on the diversion. This action could shut down the mine, eliminating jobs and tax base.” [Council of Border Conservation Districts Resolution, accessed [08/11/20](#)]

**Republican Political Activists Support Heritage Waters Coalition Because They Believe That Gila Protections Will Hurt Copper Mines.** [Candy Luhrsen letter to The New Mexico Federated Republican Women, [03/17/20](#)]

*Freeport McMoran Actively Opposes The Designation Of Gila River, Calling It A ‘Land Grab’*

**Freeport McMorRan Asked Its Employees To Comment On The Designation, Calling It A “Land Grab.”** [Mimbres Local Farm Bureau Letter to Donald Trump, accessed [08/06/20](#)]

- **A Freeport McMoRan Engineer Worries That The Company’s Dam’s Negative Impacts Could Give Land Managers Reason To Stop The Project.** “Environmental Organizations and elected Democrats have been trying to shut down copper mining in New Mexico for some time. Freeport-McMoRan has a diversion dam on the Gila River. (Per mine environmental engineer Pam Pinson), should the mining corporation of Freeport McMoRan enter their diversion for cleaning or maintenance resulting in silt and/or materials flowing downstream,

the custodian of the RMP can determine silt is negatively affecting the endangered species or common fish and stop the work on the diversion, essentially shutting down the mine, eliminating jobs and tax base." [Mimbres Local Farm Bureau Letter to Donald Trump, accessed [08/06/20](#)]

- **A Freeport McMoRan Civil Engineer Opposed Wild & Scenic Designation At A Public Meeting In Grant County, Noting That He Was "Professionally Involved In This Issue."** "Tom Shelley was the next speaker. 'I am personally and professionally involved in this issue. I am a landowner and water rights owner on Mogollon Creek and on the Gila River. Although I work for Freeport-McMoRan as a civil engineer, I am not representing the company tonight. I'm representing myself. I am a fifth-generation rancher here and have a grazing allotment in the wilderness and own private land on Mogollon Creek. I am a member of the NM Farm and Livestock Bureau. I've spent my whole life in environmental permitting for my land and 27 years for the mines.'" [Grant County Beat, [02/02/20](#)]

### *Freeport McMoRan Has A Lengthy Environmental And Worker Safety Rap Sheet*

**Freeport McMoRan Has Racked Up Over \$23 Million In Penalties For Government Violations Since 2000.** [Good Jobs First, accessed [08/11/20](#)]

- Freeport McMoRan has paid \$20,359,219 in environmental penalties for 55 separate infractions. [Good Jobs First, accessed [08/11/20](#)]
- Freeport McMoRan has paid \$1,717,467 for 181 separate worker safety violations. [Good Jobs First, accessed [08/11/20](#)]

### *A Heritage Waters Coalition Board Member And Spokesperson Has Ties To Freeport McMoRan*

**Hazel Donaldson Is A Board Member For Heritage Waters Coalition.** According to Testimony filed with the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Hazel Donaldson is a board member for Heritage Waters Coalition. [Senate Energy And Natural Resources Committee, [09/16/20](#)]

**Hazel Donaldson Writes Op-Eds on Heritage Waters's Behalf.** [MSN, [06/04/20](#)]

**Hazel Donaldson Is Facebook Friends With At Least Five Freeport McMoRan Employees, Two Of Whom Share The Donaldson Last Name.**

- Hazel Donaldson Is Facebook Friends With Terril Donaldson, An Employee Of Freeport McMoRan. [Facebook, accessed [08/11/20](#)]

- Hazel Donaldson Is Facebook Friends With Clay Donaldson, An Employee Of Freeport McMoRan. [Facebook, accessed [08/11/20](#)]
- Hazel Donaldson Is Facebook Friends With At Least Three Other Freeport-McMoRan Employees Who Do Not Share Her Last Name. [Facebook, accessed [08/11/20](#)]

*Freeport McMoRan May Be Using Its 501(c)3 To Pay For Lobbying Through Heritage Waters Coalition*

**Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation Is A 501(c)3 Registered Nonprofit.** [ProPublica, 2020, Form 990, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

- **Freeport Minerals Corporation Is The Sole Funder Of The Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation.** According to Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation's Form 990, the Freeport Minerals Corporation is its sole funder. The Corporation contributed \$8,250,000 in 2020. [ProPublica, 2020, Form 990, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

**Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation Reported \$11.5 Million In "Contributions, Gifts, Grants Paid" In 2020, But Did Not Specify The Recipients.** "Contributions, gifts, grants paid: \$11,536,950" [ProPublica, 2020, Form 990, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

- **Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation Had No Expenses, Aside From Taxes And Contributions, Gifts, Or Grants.** According to Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation's Form 990 for 2020, the Foundation had no expenses outside of "contributions, gifts, grants paid" and "taxes." The organization's taxes totaled \$250 and "contributions, gifts, grants paid" totaled \$11,536,950, yielding total year-end expenditures of \$11,537,200. No employees, officers, directors, etc. received compensation. [ProPublica, 2020, Form 990, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

**Freeport-McMoRan Claimed In Its Form 990 For 2020 That It Did Not Attempt To Influence Any Legislation, Nor Donate To Any Organization Other Than A Charitable One.** "During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?.....No [...] Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions.....No" [ProPublica, 2020, Form 990, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

**Heritage Waters Coalition Lists Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold On Its 'Membership & Support' Page.** [Heritage Waters Coalition, Membership & Support, accessed [09/27/22](#)]

- **Freeport McMoRan Publicly Declined To Confirm Or Deny Its Support, Economic Or Otherwise, For Heritage Waters Coalition.** “A Freeport-McMoRan spokesperson declined to confirm the company’s support – economic or otherwise – for the Heritage Waters Coalition.” [Silver City Daily Press, [10/07/20](#)]

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