

Geology and Minerals Training Office
Accomplishments
Fiscal Year 2004

GMTO offered seven courses for fiscal year 2004:

By the end of the fiscal year GMTO was able to hold seven courses, including: Minerals Administration, 2 Instructor Training sessions, Minerals Decision Making, Reserved and Outstanding Rights, Mine Ops & Closure (put on by Montana Tech), and Geology and Ecosystems in the East. Mine Safety was canceled due to lack of participants.

Trained 173 people total:

- 170 Forest Service Employees
- 3 Employees from other agencies including Bureau of Land Management, USGS, and the Park Service

A total of 33 people have completed the “Foundations of Minerals and Geology” Interactive CD ROM course for the fiscal year.

New Courses:

A new course was designed last fiscal year called Geology and Ecosystems in the East and was held May 2004 in Roanoke, Virginia. This session is similar to the one held out West but has been modified to fit with the Eastern ecosystem. A total of 28 people completed the course including one USGS person and one University Professor.

Currently a Groundwater training session is being designed and is scheduled for fiscal year 2006 in October 2005.

Partnerships:

Once again, the National Minerals Training Office has partnered with The Geological Society of American through a Challenge Cost Share Agreement. This agreement has made it possible to offer our new Geology and Ecosystems in the East Field Course to an expanded audience that has included the BLM, Park Service, University professors, and award winning Secondary Education Science teachers. Unfortunately, this is the last year for this Challenge Cost Share with The Geological Society of American. The Challenge Cost Share was a five-year agreement and has expired. The Geological Society of American is changing the focus of their partnerships toward the internship program, so they are no longer interested in partnering on the Geology and Ecosystem course.

This summer we signed an MOU with the BLM's National Training Center. The certified mineral examiner training modules will be the first set of courses where we will partner with the BLM.