

The Washington DC Section of SME proudly presents

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A Visit to the Kennecott Mine

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, Alaska

The presentation is about a walking tour of the historic Kennecott, Alaska mill town located deep in the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. The town site with dozens of buildings is located on the edge of the Kennicott Glacier. It is being preserved by the National Park Service. Its large iconic red mill building is nearly intact with most of the equipment still inside just as it was left when the operations closed in 1938. The mines are located over 3000 feet above the town along the ridgeline at an elevation of about 6,000 feet. They were connected to the mill by a system of aerial tramways. The profits from the Kennecott Mine were used to establish the Kennecott Copper Corporation with its Bingham Canyon Mine in Utah, and the Braden Copper Mine in Chile (now El Teniente). Both of these mines are still in operation.

Date: Wednesday March 14, 2018

Time : Social Time: 11:30 am - Noon
Section Business/Luncheon: Noon - 1:30 pm

Location: Houlihan’s located in the Hilton Hotel
6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield, VA 22150

Choice: Buffet (typically a meat, fish, potatoes or rice, and a vegetable)
Includes coffee, tea, soft drink, and a dessert

Cost: \$18 for DC Section Members; \$23 for guests

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