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Nevada Mining Project, The

2002 Global Fellow



## BIG BOLD IDEA

Protect native and non-native communities in Nevada who have been adversely affected by the mining industry through free legal representation and advocacy for reform in mining practices.

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

The Nevada Mining Project provides free legal representation to native and non-native communities in Nevada affected by the adverse environmental, health, and community effects of mining. The Project works to foster a strong network that protects communities, land, water, air, and wildlife by encouraging reform of mining practices and holding government and corporations accountable.

## PERSONAL BIO

Nicole Rinke is a clinical instructor and staff attorney in the Emmett Environmental Law and Policy Clinic. She graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 2001, where she was a Research Assistant for Professor Joseph Sax and received a Certificate in Environmental Law. Following graduation, Nicole clerked for the Nevada Supreme Court. She then went on to start a nonprofit public interest practice representing Native American tribes and community and environmental groups concerned with the adverse environmental impacts of hardrock mining in Nevada. She then went on to serve as Assistant General Counsel, and later General Counsel, for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. Nicole has also taught Environmental Law at the University of Nevada, Reno.

### Organization/Fellow Location

Stateline, United States

### Impact Location

North America

United States

### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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