campbell county chapter

lands unsuitable petition filed

Because this petition was the first of its kind in Tennessee, its filing will affect more than the local members of the Campbell County Chapter. We placed the description in the earlier section under "1982 VICTORIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS"

potato knob permit denied

Campbell County SOCM members are still proceeding with a tax suit claiming that the County has underappraised some 45,000 acres of land owned by the Koppers Corporation. At this point all the effort is being continued by the lawyers - and will probably take at least another year for completion. Meantime, members continue to pursue every opportunity available to them to inform local residents of this unfair tax appraisal and the loss in revenues to the county.

koppers tax suit

SOCM members living on Potato Knob won their fight to prevent the Westbourne Mining Company from mining the steep mountainside near their homes. Water Quality denied the permit because water drainage cannot be adequately controlled on such steep slopes. This was one more win in an eight year series of battles Potato Knob residents have fought with miners wishing to strip in their area.

hamilton county chapter

SOCM members on Flattop Mountain are still fighting to keep Southernway Sales' proposed strip mine near their homes from coming in and disrupting their water supplies. This particular application came in November of last year - it was filled with errors, including a statement that there were no homes within one half mile of the proposed site. There are at least six homes within that area. Local citizens have been taking every opportunity to point out all these errors, and are stressing the importance of protecting their water wells which have, in the past, been negatively affected by area mining.

roane county chapter

The description of the Roane County Chapter's successful fight to keep a proposed synfuels plant out of their neighborhood has been placed under "1982 VICTORIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS" because this particular plant's existence would seriously affect all of east Tennessee.