

The Alliance for Appalachia

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The Alliance for Appalachia is a regional alliance with the goal of ending a devastating form of coal mining called mountaintop removal coal mining, putting a halt to destructive coal technologies and supporting a sustainable, just economy in Appalachia.

During the past decade, mountaintop removal coal mining has moved from a regional to a national issue, largely due to the tireless work of community based groups. Thousands of media stories, year-round grassroots lobbying, and constant speaking tours by impacted grassroots groups as well as allies have created an international spotlight on this issue.

Grassroots groups based in Appalachia knew that working together towards their shared vision for Central Appalachia – a vision of lasting prosperity and economic and environmental health – would make their work even more effective, as well as ensure the national conversation on mountaintop removal included strong voices from impacted residents. Further, Alliance members believe that the movements for a just, sustainable Appalachia must be led from within the region if we are going to have long-term, systemic change in our home communities.

Beginning in the spring of 2006, thirteen organizations from five states Central Appalachia have worked together to build this new alliance which now represents more than 13,000 community members. We are pursuing a multi-dimensional campaign to stop mountaintop removal. Central to our goal is helping to create a clean, healthy, sustainable, and just Appalachia by phasing out our dependence on coal and phasing in a sustainable economy for the mountains and safe, affordable energy sources for our region and the nation.

West Virginia



Coal River Mountain Watch
www.crmw.net



Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
www.ohvec.org



West Virginia Highlands Conservancy
www.wvhighlands.org

Kentucky



Kentuckians for the Commonwealth
www.kftc.org



[MACED](http://www.maced.org) www.maced.org



Appalshop www.appalshop.org

Virginia



Southern Appalachian Mountain Stewards
www.samsva.org

Tennessee



Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment
www.socm.org

Regional



Southwings www.southwings.org



Appalachian Voices
www.appvoices.org



Heartwood www.heartwood.org



Sierra Club Environmental Justice Program

The Appalachian Citizens Law Center
www.appalachianlawcenter.org