WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for forming a seal in a wellbore comprising:

providing a swellable metal sealing element selected from the group consisting of an O-ring, a gasket, or a seal stack; wherein the swellable metal sealing element is disposed in or around a downhole tool disposed in the wellbore;

exposing the swellable metal sealing element to a brine; and

allowing or causing to allow the swellable metal sealing element to swell.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the swellable metal sealing element comprises a metal selected from the group consisting of magnesium, calcium, aluminum, and any combination thereof.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the swellable metal sealing element comprises a metal alloy comprising a metal selected from the group consisting of magnesium, calcium, aluminum, and any combination thereof.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the downhole tool comprises a sealing surface adjacent to the swellable metal sealing element and wherein the sealing surface comprises an indentation or projection at the area of the sealing surface adjacent to the swellable metal sealing element.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the downhole tool comprises a sealing surface adjacent to the swellable metal sealing element and wherein the sealing surface comprises segments, scarf joints, butt joints, splice joints, or a combination thereof.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the downhole tool comprises a sealing surface adjacent to the swellable metal sealing element and wherein the sealing surface was produced by additive manufacturing.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the swellable metal sealing element comprises a binder.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the swellable metal sealing element comprises a metal oxide.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the downhole tool is disposed in a wellbore zone having a temperature greater than 350° F.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the brine comprises a salinity greater than 10%.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the downhole tool is an inflow control device.

12. A swellable metal seal stack comprising:

a sealing element; wherein the sealing element is not a swellable metal sealing element, and

a swellable metal sealing element adjacent to the sealing element.

13. The swellable metal seal stack of claim 12, wherein the swellable metal sealing element comprises a metal and/or a metal alloy comprising a metal selected from the group consisting of magnesium, calcium, aluminum, and any combination thereof.

14. The swellable metal seal stack of claim 12, wherein the sealing element is an elastomeric chevron packing seal configured to be energized by the swellable metal sealing element.

15. The swellable metal seal stack of claim 12, wherein the sealing element is a metal sealing element configured to be energized by the swellable metal sealing element to make a metal-to-metal seal.