

Bonita Peak Mining District Update

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Thank You!

- The BPMD Team would all like to express our appreciation for the engagement of those who have attended meetings, shared ideas or participated in site activities this past year. We have completed a significant amount of work at the site and set the stage for successful cleanup efforts in the future. However, we could not have done it without the active involvement and the many contributions of our community partners. Thank you!
- The BPMD Team will not be traveling to the site in December. We wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season!

Update of Recent Activities

- During the week of Nov. 14, BPMD team (EPA, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, State of Colorado and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry) participated in a series of public meetings in Silverton and Durango, Colo., and in an open house in Shiprock, N.M. In addition to the public meetings, the team also met with members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at a Tribal members-only meeting, and with a group of recreational businesses at a meeting organized by the Animas River Task Force, Trout Unlimited and the San Juan Clean Water Coalition.
- The public comment period for the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for the Gold King Mine Interim Water Treatment Plant (IWTP) ended on Dec. 14. EPA's preferred response action alternative is to continue operations of the IWTP as currently configured while it evaluates longer-term options to manage water quality in Cement Creek as part of the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund site remedial action. However, before making a final decision regarding continued operations of the IWTP, EPA will consider all comments received during the public comment period.

Working at the Bonita Peak Mining District

- EPA has developed a database for maintaining information from individuals and/or companies wishing to be considered for work at the BPMD. Vendors or contractors interested in doing business related to BPMD should send an email containing the following information to Cynthia Peterson at peterson.cynthia@epa.gov: name of company; point of contact; phone number; email; address; Website address; and description of products or services.

Information on the Brooklyn Mine Needed

- Do you have information about past mining activities at the Brooklyn Mine, such as maps, photos or personal stories? If so, it could be valuable to the investigative and clean-up work being done at the mine. Please contact Ben Martinez at bsmartinez@fs.fed.us or 970-385-1202 to share your knowledge and information about past mining practices.

New on the Web

- Bonita Peak Mining District 2016 Summary Fact Sheet
<http://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/1834075>
- Presentation Slides from November 2016 Public Meetings
<http://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/1834074>
- Presentation Slides from November 2016 Open House at Shiprock, NM
<http://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/1834078>
- Bonita Peak Mining District Update November 2016 Spanish Translation
<http://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/1834077>

For More Information

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