

Bonita Peak Mining District Update

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Recent Activities

The EPA Bonita Peak Mining District site team will have a new acting team lead, Christina Proggess, through June 8, 2018. Current team lead, Rebecca Thomas, has accepted a four-month detail as a manager in the EPA Superfund program. Christina will act in her place for the duration of Rebecca's detail.



Christina Proggess

Christina is not new to the BPMD. For several months, she has been serving as the team's liaison with the other federal and state agencies working at the site.

Christina has been an EPA Superfund project manager for 15 years. She has extensive experience remediating abandoned mine sites throughout Colorado and Montana.

Most recently she has managed the cleanup of the Standard Mine Superfund site in Crested Butte for the last 12 years, and the cleanup of the WR Grace Mine, a part of the larger Libby Asbestos Superfund site, for the last seven years. The part of her job that she enjoys most is developing strong relationships with state/federal partners and the local communities she serves.

She enjoys running, biking, snowboarding, camping, and has recently enjoyed learning to skate ski—which terrifies, exhilarates and exhausts her in equal measure.

EPA supports the option of short-term details to enhance professional development of its employees, and this will be a great opportunity for both Rebecca and Christina. Please join us in welcoming Christina to her new role with the site team.

2018 Priorities for Superfund Site Work

Continuously **improve environmental conditions** in the mining district by implementing identified early, interim cleanup actions and prioritizing additional response activities for future years.

Increase overall understanding of the mining district through ongoing investigations, site modeling and adaptive goal development.

Involve potentially responsible parties (PRPs), property owners and others in site investigative and cleanup activities.

Continue to **foster active engagement** with all interested parties.

Planned Activities

- Members of the BPMD site team will meet with the president and other officials of the Navajo Nation in Window Rock, Ariz., on Feb. 13, 2018. The team members will brief the officials on current activities in the BPMD. During the rest of that week, members of the site team plan to attend meetings of the San Juan

County Commissioners/Silverton Town Board, Silverton/San Juan County Planning Group, and the La Plata County Commissioners/Durango City Council.

- The March site visit for the BPMD site team is currently planned for the week of March 12th. During that week, members of the site team anticipate attending meetings of the San Juan County/Silverton Planning Group, U.S. Geological Survey and Animas River Stakeholders Group.

New on the Web

Bonita Peak Mining District Organization Chart:

<https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100002898>