

Bonita Peak Mining District Update

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Update of Recent Activities

- The BPMD Site Team has identified its priorities for site work in 2017. They are:
 - **Quick Fixes** – initiate interim response actions to address simple water management and waste pile stability concerns.
 - **Stability** – identify for future action those mine features that may be the most unstable and at risk of unplanned releases of contamination.
 - **Significant Sources** – identify for future action mine features with relatively high contributions of contamination.
 - **Human Health** – conduct a Human Health Risk Assessment.



Columbus Mine in the BPMD

Based on these priorities and the results of the 2016 sampling events, the Site Team will be working with stakeholders to determine which source areas should be addressed during the 2017 field season.

- To address specific activities at the site, a number of sub-teams have been formed. These include:
 - **Project Management Team** – overall management of site activities
 - **Response Action Team** – plan and implement response actions based on identified priorities
 - **Characterization Team** – characterize nature and extent of contamination at the site
 - **Legal Team** – provide legal advice and counsel to the site team and partner agencies
 - **Communications Team** – coordinate internal and external communications for the site
 - **Data Management Team** – coordinate the collection, management and release of data associated with the site
 - **Feasibility Study Team** – prepare a feasibility study of potential remedial actions at the site

- On, January 17, 2017, the EPA announced its decision to continue operations of the Gold King Mine Interim Water Treatment Plant at Gladstone, Colo., while the Agency evaluates longer-term options to address water quality issues as part of the BPMD remedial action. The decision comes in the form of a Non-Time Critical Removal Action (NTCRA) Action Memo that transitions the IWTP operation from an emergency removal action to a NTCRA.

To view the *Action Memorandum for a Non-Time-Critical Removal Action Gladstone Interim Water Treatment Plant for Gold King Mine Discharge*, visit <http://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/1834188>.

Working at the Bonita Peak Mining District

- The U.S. Forest Service and Colorado Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) will hold a Procurement Fair for area small businesses interested in providing services to the government agencies. The free workshop will be held on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017, at the San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colo. Small businesses currently doing business or wanting to do business with the Forest Service are invited to attend. The morning session, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, will be targeted towards those interested in becoming vendors for the San Juan National Forest. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. the same day, the Colorado PTAC will provide assistance to those interested in doing business with any government agency. For more information, contact Ginger Domingos at 970-385-1245 or gingerdomingos@fs.fed.us.
- 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? We want to broaden our body of knowledge for the complex geologic area to help with characterization of 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.



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New on the Web

Bonita Peak Mining District Update November 2016 - Spanish Translation (Novedades del distrito minero Bonita Peak)
<http://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/1834181>

For More Information

Visit the Bonita Peak Mining District website <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/bonita-peak>.