

Bonita Peak Mining District Update

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Current Activities

- In October EPA, in coordination with CDPHE and DRMS, began implementing the remedial actions associated with the Interim Record of Decision that was signed in May 2019. Work was completed at the Henrietta mine that included removing debris and sloughed soil from the adit, adit grate maintenance and mine drainage control. Additionally, soil characterization was completed at Campsite area 7 and areas near the Koehler, Junction and Longfellow mines to more precisely determine the extent of the remedy needed at these locations.
- EPA is using an adaptive management approach for site investigation and cleanup. By implementing adaptive management early in the Superfund process, EPA will be able to develop a comprehensive site strategy plan with stakeholder engagement. EPA will gather stakeholder input in site strategy options to support the development of the initial cleanup strategy at this site.

In November EPA, USFS, BLM and CDPHE, along with the Silverton Planning Group and CAG board, will participate in an all-day work session to discuss site strategy plans and options.



Ben Franklin Mine Source Area stope closure before and after

Thursday November 7, 2019 from 6–8 p.m., EPA, along with the Silverton Planning Group and CAG, will host an open house to share site strategy options with the public. This open house will feature presentations from the planning group and CAG and encourage members of the public to ask questions to all agencies involved.

Site Updates

- In September 2019 the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) completed a mine safety closure at the Ben Franklin Mine located in the Eureka Gulch area. Shortly after the DRMS closure and stope work was completed, the property owner conducted a CERCLA removal action, under an agreement with EPA, to mitigate residual metals discharge into Eureka Gulch. The removal action included securing the mine portal, adding limestone to the adit discharge channel, and diverting adit discharge around mine waste.

New on the Web

- [Bonita Peak Mining District Update, September 2019 – Spanish \(PDF\)](https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/08/100006906) (2 pp, 1.2 MB)
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