

Bonita Peak Mining District Update

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Temporary Staff Changes

- Christina Progress, EPA Team Lead, is taking a temporary detail to the EPA headquarters office to work in our Office of Resource Conservation Recovery branch. This temporary new assignment will begin mid-March and last through mid-July. While she is gone, EPA project managers currently working on the BPMD site will remain active. Rob Parker will continue to lead our efforts on the repository design and the Interim Water Treatment Plant. James Hou will continue to lead our OU3 investigations and sitewide characterization efforts focusing on the Upper Animas. Lastly, Athena Jones will continue to oversee our access agreements and historic preservation needs as well as the 2019 IROD sites for this year.
- While Christina Progress is gone, Joy Jenkins, Ph.D., P.E. will temporarily fill the EPA Team Lead role.

Dr. Jenkins has served as the EPA Region 8 Superfund Remedial Project Manager (RPM) for the Captain Jack Mill and Nelson Tunnel/CWR Sites in Colorado and the Gilt Edge Mine Site in South Dakota. Her work focuses on abandoned mine lands cleanup projects. Joy worked as a consulting environmental engineer prior to joining EPA in 2010. She completed her Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, Environmental emphasis, at the University of Colorado Boulder working on source control measures to prevent acid mine drainage generation. Prior to obtaining her graduate degree, Joy worked as a chemist at 3M's environmental testing and methods development lab in Minnesota. She completed her B.S. in biology with a chemistry minor from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Joy enjoys gardening and pretty much any outdoor adventure.



Joy Jenkins

- Katherine Jenkins, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, is also taking a temporary detail to the EPA headquarters office to work in the Office of Land and Emergency Management. The temporary assignment will be from mid-April to early August. While she is gone, Beth Archer will fill her position.

Beth is a community involvement coordinator with EPA and works on a variety of sites, including the Libby Asbestos and the Colorado Smelter Superfund sites. She served in the Peace Corps in Guyana, South America, working on literacy development and teacher training before joining EPA in 2017. Beth began working at EPA in the legal enforcement group before joining the community involvement group a year ago. She loves being outside, recently completed her first half-marathon, and is hoping to grow some tomatoes this year.



Beth Archer

Site Updates

- EPA has started to send out consent-for-access (CFA) forms to private property owners for conducting field investigations, sampling, and necessary response actions for work starting in summer 2021. This process will be the same as it was in 2020.

EPA and their contractors will call property owners to discuss the need for access prior to sending a CFA form for their signature. If construction activities are planned on a property, EPA and partners will work with the property owner prior to construction to describe the work and seek feedback from the owner.

Field activities covered under the CFA include inspections, investigations, sampling and monitoring of water, soil, and mine waste materials, and remedial actions (construction activities) associated with the interim record of decision (IROD). These activities are similar to those conducted under previous CFA agreements.

New on web

- [BPMD Update, January 2021 \(PDF\)](#) (1 pg, 986 K)