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RE: Zephyr Minerals Reclamation

1 message

Gary Peterson <peterepete@bresnan.net>
To: "Cazier - DNR, Tim" <tim.cazier@state.co.us>

Thu, Oct 29, 2020 at 3:44 PM

Tim,

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. It is much appreciated.

The two dumps for the drilling mud are located at: N 38 23 22.4

W 105 17 50.0

The concrete/drill mud dump is located at: N38 23 26.6

W 105 17 47.8

This is the same location at which the POL spill and the cigarette butts were found. It appeared that the same location was used by the helicopter to fly whatever back and forth from the El Plomo drill site.

Please let me know if I can be of any further help.

Gary

From: Cazier - DNR, Tim <tim.cazier@state.co.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Gary Peterson <peterepete@bresnan.net>
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Subject: Re: Zephyr Minerals Reclamation

Gary,

Thank you for the photos. Zephyr has two separate drilling operation notices of intent (NOIs) approved by the Division. I think I know where these are, but it would be helpful if you could provide a location. Can you provide longitude/latitude coordinates or a Google Earth pin, or a scanned topo map showing the location? We will look into them.

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On Fri, Oct 23, 2020 at 3:52 PM Gary Peterson <peterpete@bresnan.net> wrote:

Zephyr Minerals, Ltd. has stated that they have ceased exploration in their permitted area for the remainder of 2020. It would appear, however, that reclamation remains an issue. The enclosed attachments are submitted for your examination and action. All photos represent items that are found in the Dawson section of their CUP south and west of Temple Canyon Road.

The first attachment shows a recently abandoned pit(s) containing what appears to be the remnants of drilling fluid. The consistency is heavy sludge to an unknown depth.

The second attachment is a photo of animal tracks that were found on the edge of the pit contained in the first attachment. They appear to be mountain lion or bear and depict an animal looking into the pit.

The third attachment is a photo of a pit located approximately 100 feet south of the first attachment, much shallower with dried contents.

The fourth attachment is of an oil/fluid spill located in the same area as attachment three.

The fifth attachment is a photo of a single cigarette butt located in the proximate area of attachment four, but is representative of numerous cigarette butts that were scattered within the same area.

The Royal Gorge Preservation Project has concerns that the issues referenced above are representative of Zephyr's lack of oversight. They are reminiscent of nearby trenches (five trenches totaling nearly 500 linear feet, each approximately six feet wide and six feet deep) on a 30 degree slope) which remained uncovered for approximately two years past their reclamation date.

Regards,

Gary Peterson

Board Chairman, Royal Gorge Preservation Project