

The Tie-Across Haul Road (TAHR) was originally included in permit C-1982-057 (Seneca II-W Mine). The acreage (96.6 acres) is separated from the backfill and grading schedule and the reclamation schedule. The TAHR is slated to become an official County Road once the bond is released, at which time it will be maintained Routt County and will become part of the public road system. Exhibit 20-3 is the Letter of Intent from Routt County stating their plan to take over the road once all easements and right-of-ways are in place and the bond has been released. This is expected to take place in 2023.

Rails to Trails

In 2020, the HGTI under the operation of Peabody, entered into an agreement with the Town of Hayden to convert the Rail Spur south of Highway 40 and the Rail Loop into a recreation area for the Town of Hayden. In doing so the sections of rail spur and rail loop will not be backfilled or graded. The Town of Hayden will maintain the railbed areas as recreation areas intended for hiking, biking, cross country skiing, etc.

Any topsoil piles associated with the reclamation of the rail spur and rail loop areas of the recreation area will be left in place as permanent features. The topsoil piles are stable and well vegetated.

The rail loop pond and the truck loop pond will stay as permanent features with in the recreation area of the Town of Hayden. The ponds draw wildlife to the area which adds to the value of the recreational trail system.

Cessation of Operations

In the event a cessation of operations is to occur for a period of 30 days or more, or as soon as it is known that a temporary cessation will extend beyond 30 days, the CDRMS will be notified. Within 90 days after notification, a notice of intention to cease temporarily or abandon operations will be submitted to the CDRMS defining the information required in Rules 4.30.1 and 4.30.2 as applicable.