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## C1981022, Elk Creek Mine, SL-8

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Thanks to Foster for prompting me to follow up on this.

As Doug mentioned, flooding of Bear Creek has caused extensive damage to Hwy 133 between Somerset and Paonia making travel around the area very difficult. Furthermore, access to Oxbow's GVB pads and roads is via a dirt road up Bear Creek which has also suffered during the spring run-off. The GVBs are not easily accessible at present, so for now **the SL-8 inspection is postponed indefinitely**.

CDOT is working on temporary repairs to Hwy 133, but even after highway access is restored there will be considerable repair work to be done up Bear Creek.

Doug is hopeful that we will be able to get up there by September - I'll be in touch when the situation is more clear.

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