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CC: Matt Ellsworth [ellsworth@miningamerica.org]
Subject: RE: Abandoned Mines question
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All,

I know you are aware of the upcoming Summit on AML and Good Sam to be held at the Colorado School of Mines on April 26. I believe Erin is registered to attend as are a few EPA career folks. We would like to have someone from EPA present at the Summit during the mid-morning session (see attached Agenda). I mentioned this to Byron Brown when we met at the end of January, but so far no one has been identified as a possible speaker.

Let me know if it is possible for EPA to provide a speaker for the Summit.

Thank you.

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From: Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>
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One additional ask – could you provide more details (perhaps something like a fact sheet) about prior projects where work was done and the fish returned but while water quality improved, perhaps the precise targets of clean water standards were not reached? Also of interest would be whether the fish that returned would be suitable for consumption.

Thanks

From: Laura Skaer [<mailto:lskaer@miningamerica.org>]
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All,

Thanks for letting me participate via telephone. We are encouraged by the discussion and the opportunity we believe we have.

Attached is the announcement and current agenda for the AML/Good Sam Summit at the Colorado School of Mines (CSM) on April 26 sponsored by the Mining and metallurgical Society of America, Trout Unlimited and CSM. As you can see, we have a good group of speakers lined up. We would like to have someone from EPA speak in the mid-morning session. I mentioned this to Byron Brown when I met with him at the end of January, but have not heard back from him. Any help you can provide in helping us identify the right person from EPA is much appreciated.

Thanks

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From: "Cook, Steven" <cook.steven@epa.gov>

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Once again appreciate your interest in this topic. I had a couple of additional questions –

1. Given the type of projects you are interested in, what is the estimated average cost (or range or cost) of a project?
2. What would be the anticipated timeframe for completion of a typical project (1 year, 1-2 years or something else)?
3. Given the available resources and assuming adequate funds were available, what level of effort (i.e. number of active projects) do you think could be sustained on an annual basis over several years?

Please let me know if you need any clarifications on these questions.

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