

# Details

## September 30, 2010



### **Admin**

Fall colors were out in force for the third annual DNR-SITLA Golf Challenge held Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Wasatch Mountain Golf Course. This year's contest ended in a tie. John Baza, Steve Schneider and Jim Springer joined with Scott Strong, Dennis Strong, Tammy Kikuchi, John Mann and Kent Jones to take on the SITLA team.





## AMR

Chris Rohrer and Luci Malin traveled to the 32nd Annual National Association of Abandoned Mine Lands Program Annual Conference in Scranton PA, last week. Luci and Chris are proudly accepting OSM's 2010 Best Reclamation Project Award - Western Region, for Chris' Temple Mountain Abandoned Mine Reclamation Project located in southeastern Emery County. The project closed 141 abandoned uranium mines.



Tony Gallegos and Wayne Hedberg examined some potential mine hazards near the Soapstone Basin in the Uintas last week. Examined were two sites where snowmobilers had been injured. The incident reports filed with the sheriff described the hazards as possible mine shafts. Both sites turned out to be sinkholes. Below, Wayne checks out one of the sites amidst the fall colors.



Meanwhile, Jan Morse shared some photos and preparatory work she has done prior to closing mines in the North Tintic area with a man who has been researching and writing his family history. Eugene Halvorson became interested in the Wasa Mine because his ancestors had a connection.

Halvorson tells of two books given him by a cousin still living in Finland. The books give a history of mining and living in Utah, Colorado and Montana when, "...our grandfathers were alive and struggling to make a living." The stories and photos in the books were from those who had returned to live, and die, in Vasa, Finland

Says Halvorson, "I would love to go see it before it is covered or screened in but old age is catching."



Wasa Mine, North Tintic.



The charitable fund drive is almost upon us. The kick off date is set for next Monday and will run through November 12<sup>th</sup>. We are all very fortunate to have great jobs that provide for our every day needs. However, there are many in these tough economic times that are struggling and need our assistance. I hope all of us in the Division will consider adding needed support, large or small, to the many good causes that are out there. I will be contacting everyone personally. I hope you will open your heart and be generous, even if you have not participated in the past. Thank you in advance for your most generous participation. - **Randy Thackeray**

And a final thought for your Thursday. If you cannot answer a man's argument, all is not lost, you can still call him names. Have a good one!