

Details

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Mining

The folks on the mining side had a little “Cinco de Mayo - 7th inning stretch” on the 5th of the month. It included a treat and a piñata...



After long anticipation from landowners, Lynn and John were able to have two abandoned (post-law) sites reclaimed in Sanpete County. Utilizing a construction crew from Wildlife Resources, the work was completed in six days and under budget. Both landowners were pleased with the reclamation results. The Cream Time Quarry was permitted and active prior to bonding requirements and was abandoned when the operator passed away - leaving a mess to be cleaned up with no funds to do so. The second site was mined in 2007 by a company who had not registered with the Department of Commerce, did not file a mining permit or post a bond with us, and left a landowner holding the bag with a hand-shake that they would restore his fields. The landowner had a company name, first names of the company, and a bogus address and phone number. This landowner is now an advocate for the Division in passing the word to his neighbors that they need to see a permit before they let someone on their property to mine.



Photo above is Cream Time Quarry before reclamation and on the right the work in progress.



Along with the two sites above, Lynn and John were also involved with reclamation of the C&R Minerals Mill near Moab. This site has been abandoned since about 1992. This site had a lot of metal junk, so Tom Munson contacted a company about salvaging the steel. They not only hauled away the steel, but they also busted up and buried a concrete building foundation and re-graded the site. The salvage value of the steel paid for most of the work with a cost to the Division of only \$1000. There is still a little more work to do which we hope to complete this summer.



Oil and Gas

And for those of you who may not have yet heard. Associate Director for Oil and Gas Gil Hunt will soon be leaving our ranks. Gil says it is time to hang up his spurs and hit the ranks of the retired effective June 1st. We all wish Gil good luck in the future!

And a final thought for your Thursday. Youth is a malady of which one becomes cured a little every day. Have a good one!