

Details



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Admin

Time to enter our annual OGM photo contest. Send your entries to Jim Springer prior to the last day of business in October, that's the 28th. As in past years the first place winner will receive a \$50 NCI award with \$25 NCI awards going to 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention entries. Submitted photos are used in our annual report and in other public outreach activities.

Customer Service

Patrick Collins from Mt. Nebo Scientific sent a nice note of appreciation to thank Joe Helfrich for his help on a burrowing owl study at Emery Mine. "That GeoVISION borehole camera worked very well-and it was used so easily and quickly...you really have figured out how to use the camera and its accessories efficiently. Without it, we could never have closed those artificial burrow openings for the winter due to the very real possibility of burying white-tailed prairie-dogs (another sensitive species) in the process." Way to go Joe!

Mining

The Utah Division of Water Quality Board authorized a Nonpoint Source Grant to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining in the amount of \$40,000. The funding will be used to pay for hauling and application of bio-solids to the reclaimed White Oak mine site to stabilize the hillside. Priscilla Burton and Kevin Lundmark worked with Mark Schmitz of the DWQ to apply for funding. The project is expected to improve water quality in Scofield Reservoir.

Also the reclamation enhancement project at the White Oak mine is officially underway. Our contractor Innovative Excavation has started to mobilize equipment and will be trying to complete the project before winter hits. The hope is for good weather, but at that elevation, things can change in a hurry. Priscilla Burton, James Owen, Kevin Lundmark, Ingrid Campbell and Peter Brinton have signed up to oversee the project during the next few weeks.

Meanwhile, the Kinney #2 Mine application is now back in our shop. This is another new mining venture near the town of Schofield. The coal program will be spending a lot of time on this one during the next few months.



Daron Haddock attended the Open House for the Savage Coal Terminal held on October 7th. Many of you may know that board member James Jensen has spent much of his career working for Savage. Savage Services Corporation has just completed a major renovation of the facility and wanted to showcase what they have done and how they are capable of processing and shipping coal from many of the mines in the Carbon/Emery area. The photo above includes Neil Savage who was one of the original founders of Savage Industries. He reminisced about how the business started right after WWII when his brother came home from the Navy and talked their dad into purchasing a 7 1/2 ton truck which they would drive to the mines and load by hand and then haul coal to various businesses and homes. They have come a long way since then. They now try to ship close to two unit train loads a day from the terminal.

Kudos to Dana Dean who provided input to an EIS for a major re-write regarding OSM's stream protection rules. Greg Conrad, executive director of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission wrote the following, "I just finished reading your comments on Chapter 2 of the draft EIS and they are excellent. In fact, I just read comments from four states, and yours really stand out. It is obvious that you spent a good deal of time reading and analyzing the chapter and providing thoughtful responses. You raised some excellent points and OSM needs to respond to them at some point. Let's hope your diligent efforts pay off."



Congratulations to James Owen; new father to a beautiful baby girl, Genesis Jean! Genesis was born September 28, at 8:35 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. and 20.1 inches long.

And a final thought for your Thursday. Spelling is a lossed art. Have a good one!