

San Luis Valley Public Land Center



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NEWS RELEASE

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FOREST SERVICE RECLAIMS ABANDONED MINE SITE NORTH OF CREEDE

The Rio Grande National Forest will work on the Outlet Mine Dump, an abandoned mine in the East Willow Creek drainage, during the month of September. Work will begin after Labor Day and will require the closure of a section of Forest Road 502 for at least part of the project. The project has been planned and designed with assistance from the Willow Creek Reclamation Committee and will meet, and conform to, the goals and standards of that Committee. The work is needed to protect East Willow Creek from the mine dump and to reduce metal loading to the creek. The project is expected to last from two to three weeks. The public will be able to access the area above the Outlet Mine by taking Forest Road 503 up to the Midwest Mine and then taking Forest Road 502 from the Midwest Mine to East Willow Creek. The Forest Service will also be placing boulders in strategic places around the Phoenix Park Mill Site reclamation area to discourage vehicles from accessing this reclaimed area.

For more information about the road closure, contact the Divide Ranger District's Creede office at: 719-658-2556.

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