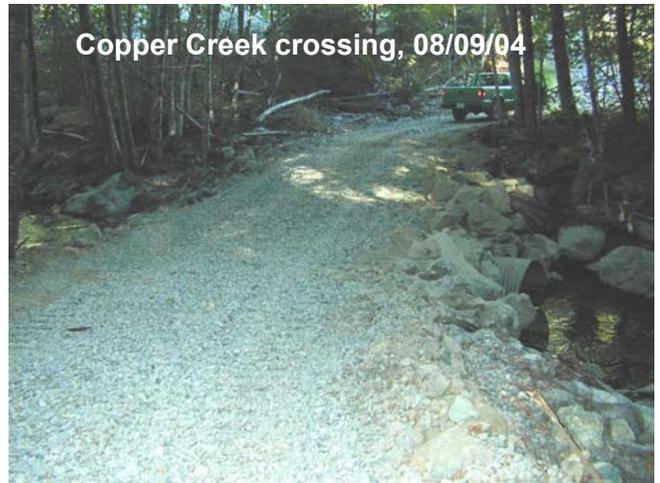
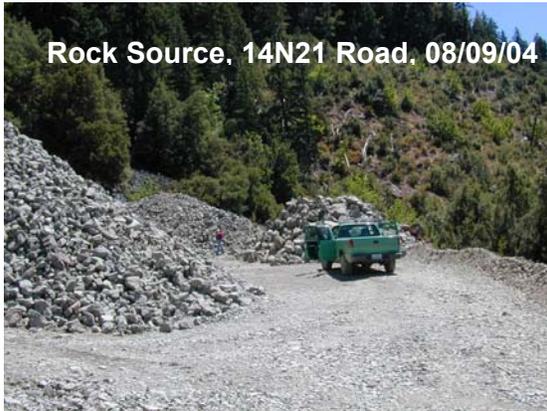


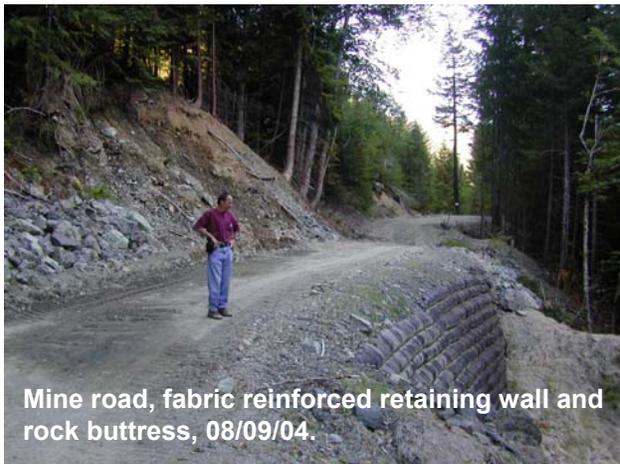
**SISKON MINE MILL AND MINE TAILNGS CERCLA REMOVAL ACTION  
PHASE 2, REHAB CONTRACT  
STATUS REPORT #1**

**September 7, 2004**

The notice to proceed for Phase 2 of the Siskon Mine Rehab Project was issued June 28, 2004. Work began at the rock pit where the rock was screened and sorted into sizes for Class III and Class V+ riprap, and rock for the gabion wall and revetment.



By the end of July, the 14N31 road was bladed and cleared, and the Copper Creek crossing cleared of debris and resurfaced. The mine road to the mill site was also cleared of material that had sloughed off the hill slope from the winter, at the retaining wall and rock buttress site.



Other project activities that were completed in July were review and approval of the contractors Hazardous Substance Safety Plan and the Air Quality Monitoring Plan. The Forest Service also completed its Job Hazard Analysis, and Respirator Program. Pre-project monitoring of stream sediment and water quality was conducted in June.

Work at the contaminated part of the site began on August 9, 2004 after the initial Site Safety Meeting held for all employees including the Forest Service contract implementation and design team. On that day, the access road into the mill was constructed and mill site demolition commenced. All contractor employees wore tyvek coveralls and respirators, and initial air quality monitoring was conducted for asbestos and metals.



The tailings area was cleared of vegetation, and access roads into the former tailings pond and to the gabion wall site were constructed by August 12. Tailings were removed from the areas near the stream channel, and the footprint of the gabion wall was excavated as of August 16.



Work on construction of the gabion wall andrevet mattress began August 23, 2004, and is continuing to this date. The project is on schedule at this time to be completed prior to October 15, 2004.

