The Real de Dolores Mine Safeguard Project – Site of the West's First Major Gold Rush

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Santa Fe Trail in 1845



Placer Mining in the Ortiz Mountains



Old Ortiz Mine (map circa 1868)



Old Ortiz Mine Power House and McPhee Shaft, 1901

Santa Rosalia Shaft, 1880

Thomas Edison's Mill, Delores, NM (under construction in 1900)



Preservation of Historic Mining Artifacts

Ortiz Mine Railroad Grade

Flywheel and Foundation – New Live Oak Mine



Cunningham Hill Gold Mine





Santa Fe Botanical Garden Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve



Old Ortiz Mine (map circa 1868)



Townsend's Big-Eared Bats



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Old Ortiz Mine – Tunia Shaft and Stope





Old Ortiz Mine – Tunia Stope PUF Plug Construction

10/4/2002



Old Ortiz Mine – Tunia Shaft Construction

Tunia Shaft and Stope Closures



Old Ortiz Mine – Tunia Shaft Bat Cupola





Old Ortiz Mine – Tunia Shaft Bat Cupola





Old Ortiz Mine – McPhee Shaft



After construction



Backfilled and Fenced Sites



Backfilled Shaft at the English Mine





English Mine Bat Cupola

Before construction

During construction

10/22/2002

English Mine Bat Cupola





Benton Mine

Before construction



Following construction



Preservation of Benton Mine Headframe

Project Facts Construction Start – September 27, 2002 Construction Completion – August 22, 2003 Construction Cost - \$154,913 Geotechnical Consultant – AK GeoConsult, Albuquerque, NM Bat Consultant – Dr. J. Scott Altenbach, UNM Archaeological Consultant – Southwest Archaeological Consultants, Inc., Santa Fe, NM Construction Contractor – St. Cloud Mining Co., Truth or Consequences, NM

Project Statistics 8 shafts, two adits, two pits and two open stopes safeguarded Tunia Shaft bat cupola – 3,300 pounds of weathering steel English Shaft bat cupola – 1,300 pounds of weathering steel 157 cubic yards of polyurethane foam # 430 cubic yards of lightweight scoria fill 600 square feet of cable netting # 400 linear feet of woven wire fence 1,100 cubic yards of unclassified fill 25