

DRAFT Bullion Canyon Mining Area

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Gold was first discovered in Utah at the base of what is now known as Bullion Canyon near Marysvale, Utah, in 1865. These placer deposits were traced to their origins in Bullion Canyon, and the Ohio Mining District was formed. By 1869, the camps of Bullion City, Webster City and Virginia City were established and the first of several mills was constructed in the canyon. Mining continued in the canyon until approximately 1938, and the remnants of these historic mining activities, including deposits of contaminated soil, are still evident.

This rich history has left behind tailings and waste piles that contain concentrations of heavy metals that you should be aware of when enjoying the outdoors.

The City of Marysvale, Crown Mines and EPA are working together to cover soils in high use areas so you can continue to enjoy your time in Bullion Canyon. The fenced off portion of Fireman's Park will be closed for the Summer 2016 season, however, the rest of the Park will be open for camping and other recreational activities.

As you enjoy the history and recreation in the Canyon, here are a few things you can do if you encounter mine tailings and waste deposits:

- Wash hands before eating
- Take off shoes before entering tent or home
- Frequently clean recreational gear
- Lower your speed when driving to keep dust down on dirt roads