

SITE VISIT REPORT
NAVAJO ABANDONED MINE LANDS RECLAMATION PROGRAM

DATE (S) OF VISIT: 29 January 2019
MINE/PROJECT NAME: USEPA Region 9, Cove Mesa V Haul Shaft Closure Project
DURATION OF VISIT: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
PURPOSE OF VISIT: Construction Progress Inspection

OBSERVATION:

The pre-construction meeting was conducted on Monday, 28 January 2019 and the notice to proceed issued the same day. The first week, contractor is scheduled to mobilize, access the haul shaft path, and transplant trees that might be impacted. This is the progress observed on Tuesday, 29 January 2019.

The contractor completed the access path up to the access control area. The total amount of trees transplanted is 52 according to the contractor. I did not verify this. The contractor was now starting the rock and earth work at the haul shaft entry. First the existing large boulders had to be broken and moved aside. Then the area immediately inside the haul shaft entry will be leveled for scaffolding installation. These tasks were the focus of the contractor's work.

After monitoring the construction progress, I returned to Shiprock AML. I should note that the access road and access path are very challenging due to the rough terrain (minimal upgrade requirement), snow, and mud. A normal SUV would not be practical. I was using a GSA Truck with extreme mud/snow tires.

WEATHER/ROAD CONDITIONS:

Approximately high 40 degree Fahrenheit temperatures, clear skies, and snow/mud on roads.

FOLLOW-UP:

Continue construction monitoring and conduct pre-final inspection when 90 percent completed. Reclamation of access will have to wait until final inspection.

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Access Control Area on Tuesday, 29 January 2019



Contractor arrived at Mesa V Haul Shaft and start rock and earth work.



Boulders breaking with rock drill and wedges.



Natural rock drip edge shown, might not need drip panel.

