

From: [Starr Jamison](#)
To: [Lawson Hill POC](#)
Cc: [Sandoval, Joni](#); [Lance McDonald](#); [Hilary Cooper](#); [Derek Gustafson](#); [Alex Wing](#); [nancy craft](#)
Subject: Re: Idarado Fluvial Tailings - San Miguel River
Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 2:05:13 PM
Attachments: [Fluvial Tailings- Lawson Hill.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Here are the notes and a map from our meeting last week. On the map, I identified the areas we looked at on the site visit. I'm happy to add or remove piles from the map.

Meeting June 8, 2021

Determined piles need to be tested, looked at access for testing. Determined that permits would be required through the County. Tools for testing (mini-excavator and shovels).

Options for removal- Rip Rap, Haul away, Cap

Genessee did not submit a report for tailings. They only submitted the building envelope.

Someone had asked for the Telluride Public Works Director's contact information, here it is.

Karen Guglielmone <KGuglielmone@telluride-co.gov>

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Environmental & Engineering Division Manager

Telluride Public Works

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Have a great day.

On Tue, Jun 8, 2021 at 7:33 AM Lawson Hill POC <lawsonhill@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Joni,

I will plan to meet you at the Conoco parking lot at 1:00 to view the tailings.

Thank you,

Pam

On Mon, Jun 7, 2021 at 10:51 PM Sandoval, Joni <Sandoval.Joni@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Everyone,

My plan is to walk the TVF Site tomorrow (Tuesday) with my contractor around 10:15 and should be done by noon. Thinking we could meet at the Society Turn Gas Station Parking Lot at 1:00 and you all can show us the tailings the County and property owners are concerned with? Let me know if this doesn't work and I can adjust the schedule. Thanks in advance. My cell is 303-241-1356.

From: Lance McDonald <LMcDonald@telluride-co.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:11 PM
To: Sandoval, Joni <Sandoval.Joni@epa.gov>; Pamela Hall <lawsonhill@gmail.com>; Hilary Cooper <hilaryc@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>
Subject: RE: Idarado Fluvial Tailings - San Miguel River

Hi Joni

Sorry about the slow response, Tuesday is good for me. Please let me know the time and place, and apologies if the time/place has already been set and I missed the email.

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From: Sandoval, Joni <Sandoval.Joni@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2021 1:18 PM
To: Pamela Hall <lawsonhill@gmail.com>; Hilary Cooper <hilaryc@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>
Cc: Lance McDonald <LMcDonald@telluride-co.gov>
Subject: FW: Idarado Fluvial Tailings - San Miguel River

Hey there San Miguel Folks! I would like to come take a look at the tailings we were asked to address by the Genessee properties next Tuesday 6/8 if that works? I will be in town doing a Site walk at the Valley Floor. Lance and Hilary you are both welcome to attend either Site walk, if your schedule allows. If you can't make it, I can use the maps sent to find them! Sorry for the delay in response. Approval processes internally have taken awhile and I've had a family death and 2 family members very ill. Let me know.

Respectfully,

Joni

From: Lawson Hill POC <lawsonhill@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 9:11 AM
To: Sandoval, Joni <Sandoval.Joni@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Idarado Fluvial Tailings - San Miguel River

Hi Joni,

Attached is the consent for access on our property. If the crew needs any assistance while they are here, please have them contact me.

Pamela Hall

O: 970-728-5893

C: 970-708-0881

On Tue, May 11, 2021 at 12:14 PM Pamela Hall <lawsonhill@gmail.com> wrote:

I will get this signed and returned to you. Copper environmental was a consultant, proposing to work on our behalf. They are not an affected land owner. We met them because they were working for an adjacent property owner.

Pam

Lawson Hill Property Owners Co.

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On May 11, 2021, at 12:01 PM, Sandoval, Joni <Sandoval.Joni@epa.gov>

wrote:

Hi Pam – Please review and provide consent for me to access and conduct an assessment on the property. Thanks so much in advance.

Also, is Copper Environmental a consultant working for you guys? Or are they a separate affected land owner?

From: Pamela Hall <lawsonhill@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Sandoval, Joni <Sandoval.Joni@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Idarado Fluvial Tailings - San Miguel River

Hi Joni,

The Lawson Hill Open Space Land Owners Company, LLC owns those parcels. This company is managed by the Lawson Hill Property Owners Co. You can send the request to me.

Thank you,

Pam

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On May 11, 2021, at 11:14 AM, Sandoval, Joni
<Sandoval.Joni@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Pam –

Who is the owner for the Lawson Hill Properties? I'd like to send an access request for permission to conduct an assessment on the property? Also, are there any other land owners besides the Town of Telluride I'd need to request permission from? Thanks so much in advance and look forward to working with you guys.

Respectfully,

Joni Sandoval

From: Davis - CDPHE, Ross <ross.davis@state.co.us>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Nancy Craft <nancycraft@gmail.com>; Hilary Cooper <hilaryc@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>
Cc: Sandoval, Joni <Sandoval.Joni@epa.gov>; Cristal Hibbard <cristal.hibbard@copperenv.com>; alex.wing@copperenv.com ; Pamela Hall <lawsonhill@gmail.com>; Lance McDonald <LMcDonald@telluride-co.gov>
Subject: Re: Idarado Fluvial Tailings - San Miguel River

Hillary and Nancy,

Now that utilizing EPA for this tailings project appears to be a potential path forward, we can formally start the process. The first step is for the Town or County to formally request assistance from CDPHE to address potential contaminant levels from fluvial tailings along the San Miguel. I am including Lance in this email, as he may have an area of concern that could be addressed as well. In this please articulate why you are concerned and mitigation of these sources of contamination would be beneficial.

After CDPHE receives such a request, we will then engage EPA to conduct the work.

Happy to continue to assist.

Ross

On Thu, Nov 12, 2020 at 5:49 PM Nancy Craft
<nancycraft@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Joni,

I second Hilary's appreciation!. Please keep me in the loop
and if I can be of any assistance please let me know.

Thank you.

Warm regards,

Nancy Craft

Lawson Hill resident and Telluride Open Space Commission
member.

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On Thu, Nov 12, 2020 at 3:42 PM Hilary Cooper
<hilaryc@sanmiguelcountyco.gov> wrote:

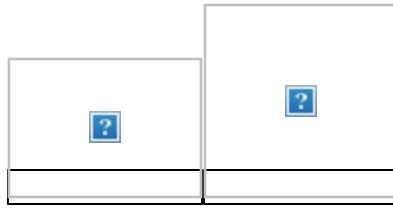
GREAT! Thanks Joni.

Please keep us informed.

Hilary

Hilary Cooper

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On Thu, Nov 12, 2020 at 10:05 AM Sandoval, Joni
<Sandoval.Joni@epa.gov> wrote:

Hilary, Ross, and Stakeholders,

I have put in a request for approval and funding to conduct Removal Site Evaluations at the properties mentioned below, for next Spring. I'm so glad you brought this to my attention now so we didn't run the risk of recontamination of the areas we're currently remediating due to potential migration of upstream tailings. I look forward to working together and standby for more information. Stay safe everyone!

Respectfully,

Joni Sandoval

From: Hilary Cooper
<hilaryc@sanmiguelcountyco.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:50 AM

To: Nancy Craft <nancycraft@gmail.com>
Cc: ross.davis@state.co.us; Sandoval, Joni
<Sandoval.Joni@epa.gov>; Cristal Hibbard
<cristal.hibbard@copperenv.com>; [alex.wing@coppere
nv.com](mailto:alex.wing@coppere
nv.com); Pamela Hall <lawsonhill@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Idarado Fluvial Tailings - San Miguel
River

Hi all,

Ross - thanks for your recommendation to bring Joni Sandoval into this discussion. I think that is a great approach.

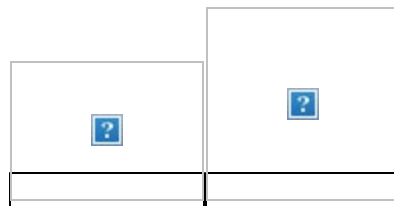
Joni, are you willing/able to at least explore this request to gain a better understanding of the scope of the clean up needed?

Is there anything the County and landowner can do to make a more formal request for you to engage?

Hilary

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On Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 10:44 PM Nancy Craft
<nancycraft@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Ross,

Thank you for trying to come up with a plan to remediate the Lawson Hill tailings.

I spoke to Pam Hall, the manager of Lawson Hill, and she mentioned that you have also spoken to her about this.

The stretch of river where the tailings exist is below the Town of Telluride Wastewater Treatment Plant and above Keystone falls and there are tailings on the north and south side of the river.

She confirmed that the Lawson Hill Open Space Land Company owns the property on both sides of the river in that area.

The tailings have not been mapped as far as she knows and that would be a logical first step if funding could be obtained for such a study.

Pam is the best resource for information about the history and current situation regarding the tailings and has offered to lead a site walk.

Would you be interested in participating in a site walk in the near future?

Again, thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Regards,

Nancy

On Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 10:01 AM Davis - CDPHE,
Ross <ross.davis@state.co.us> wrote:

Morning Joni,

Recently I have been approached to provide some insight on how to best go about conducting fluvial tailings cleanups on the San Miguel River. The areas in question are just downstream of the Society Turn project. These tailings are from the Idarado site, but were not addressed in the consent decree with the State. Therefore, I do not have any authority to perform cleanup in these areas. Additionally, there are no brownfield tax credits available through the State.

I was wondering if there is any possibility of piggybacking on the EPA removal action on USFS property upstream of Society Turn? Since the bulk of the removal action is not scheduled until summer 2021, maybe this is a good time to start a conversation. I understand this might be a longshot, but I thought it might be worth exploring.

Cristal and Nancy,

To assist EPA in understanding current ownership

of these fluvial tailings, can you please provide a summary of the property owner and any available information on the tailings, ie, descriptions or lab data if available.

Thank you to everyone for your time and I am interested to see where this goes. Attached is a very rough map of the tailings.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Ross

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I am currently working from home and can be reached at 720-355-4488

Ross Davis

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