

REMEDIAL SITE ASSESSMENT DECISION - EPA REGION VIII

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EPA ID: CO0001916360 Site Name: CARBONERO MINE

State ID:

Alias Site Names: OPHIR DISTRICT

City: OPHIR

County or Parish: SAN MIGUEL

State: CO

Refer to Report Dated:

Report Type: PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT 001

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DECISION:

- ☐ 1. Further Remedial Site Assessment under CERCLA (Superfund) is not required because:
- ☐ 1a. Site does not qualify for further remedial site assessment under CERCLA (No Further Remedial Action Planned - NFRAP)
- ☐ 1b. Site may qualify for action, but is deferred to:
- ☒ 2. Further Assessment Needed Under CERCLA:
- 2a. Priority: ☒ Higher ☐ Lower
- 2b. Other: (recommended action)

DISCUSSION/RATIONALE:

Site is part of the larger Ophir Mining District which produced gold, silver, and lead.

Non-point source study under the Clean Water Act indicates metals releases to surface water pathway. Wetlands are immediate to the site, fishery beyond 3 miles, and otter and eagle habitats beyond 11 miles. Testing is not comprehensive with respect to Superfund.

City of Ophir reports under the Safe Drinking Water Act—no detections above the MCLs in the public water supply (a spring).

Source water protection and Community Based Environmental Program (CBEP) activities in progress.

PA revision did not respond to a number of comments on the draft. see SAM Notes: 1/98. Soil exposure pathway needs more description to determine whether sampling this pathway is appropriate.

Site Decision Made by P. SMITH
Signature: P. Smith

Date: 01/29/98