



SAN JUAN MINING & RECLAMATION CONFERENCE

“Coming Full Circle: Making a Difference and Forging Ahead”

Wed. & Thu., May 24 & 25, 2017 | Ouray, Colorado

The San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference made a full tour through the mining communities of southwestern Colorado over the past six years. After stops in Silverton, Lake City, Creede, Telluride, and Durango, the event returns to Ouray in 2017. The conference has featured presentations and discussions about the history and sociology of mining in the San Juan Mountains, contemporary hardrock mining practices, alternative remediation approaches to legacy mining impacts, and the regulatory frameworks for both. Now is the time to come full circle to examine lessons learned from reclamation projects across the region, how they are making a difference environmentally, and what reclamation will look like into the future. We also have the opportunity to consider how industry in the region has utilized innovative mining technologies and environmental mitigation plans to energize hardrock mining in the San Juans.

In its seventh year, the conference on May 24-25 will also highlight projects and mining in the Uncompahgre Watershed. We will field-tour Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership’s tailings stabilization project and Ouray Silver Mine’s mining operations and mitigation designs in the Canyon Creek sub-basin, as well as Idarado’s past and proposed remediation projects in the Red Mountain Creek sub-basin. Diverse stakeholders will have opportunities to examine and discuss successes of mining and reclamation to date, as well as contemplate their futures in this region.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Please submit all information contained in the form below, including your abstract, by MARCH 15, 2017 at 5 p.m. MST. Abstract titles are limited to 12 words and abstract descriptions should be no more than 250 words. We welcome the submission of abstracts for oral presentations (20 minutes), posters (42” x 60”), and topics for roundtable discussions (\leq 12 person break-out groups). Your contribution should have a San Juan Mountains context and align well with the general conference theme described above. More specifically, your abstract should fit under one of the following main categories:

1. Making a Difference

Contributions can include quantitative or qualitative results of remediation projects or mining technologies, approaches to measuring outcomes for regulatory or local community frameworks, and environmental and socio-economic impacts of contemporary mining on local communities.

2. Mine Waste Mitigation

We welcome contributions that elaborate on successful or unsuccessful, tested or proposed approaches to surface or below-ground mine waste mitigation in the San Juan Mountain region. Topics could include surface treatment of mine drainage or waste management, as well as groundwater/mine water source controls (eg. bulkheads, infiltration prevention, other source controls).

3. Future of Mining and Reclamation

Mining-related contributions can address the viability of future hardrock mining in the San Juans, current regulatory and socio-economic constraints/opportunities, and consequences of mining heritage on local communities. Reclamation topics can include insights from the state’s Draining Adit Survey or perspectives on the extent of needed reclamation, funding prospects for clean-up efforts, and lessons learned from Gold King Mine reclamation process.

If you are uncertain about which category suits your topic or you have any questions related to this form, contact Agnieszka Przeszlowska at aprzesz@gmail.com

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