

Mining Matters

DID YOU KNOW?

Have you been skiing at Silver King? Snowmobiling at Dome Mountain? ATVing at Big Onion? Hiking at Hunter Basin? Hunting at Equity? All of these popular recreation sites were originally opened up by mining and exploration projects.

Today, exploration projects are usually required to deactivate any access roads or trails once the program has ended. Posted signs indicate active mining roads; use caution and check in with the on-site manager before heading up the road. Better still, avoid these roads altogether when the 'Active Mining' signs are visible.

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WorkSafeBC statistics for injuries occurring on the job show that the mining industry is the safest heavy industry in British Columbia. Since 1993, the B.C. mining industry has reduced its injury rate by 50% to 1.9 injuries per 100 worker-years. In metal and coal mining, injury rates have dropped by half in the last ten years.

Success is attributed, in part, to the close working relationship between labour, management and the mines inspection branch. This tripartite collaboration ensures that people working in the industry "Have a Safe Day, Everyday."

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The Smithers Exploration Group provides industry and community with a comprehensive directory listing numerous businesses, consultants, and contractors from the local region, particularly Smithers, who work with/in the mining and exploration field. The directory is available for free directly from SEG or through the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources office in Smithers. It can also be downloaded at www.smithersexplorationgroup.com.

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British Columbia has a large database containing information on exploration and mining in the province. The Assessment Report Indexing System provides an historical collection of some of the work done on mineral/placer claims around the province. Reports describe mapping, sampling, drilling, etc done in a particular area, and include drill logs, assay information and maps. All is available on-line to the public at <http://www.empr.gov.bc.ca/Mining/Geoscience/ARIS/Pages/default.aspx>.

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