

Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine & Gold Fever Rock Shop

July Newsletter

Dear Friends:

Old boat wakes ripple idly on thinning streams of placid lake water. Shoreline brush shelters duck nests on Hauser Lake in receding hints of drying grass.

The trommel is operating in its new location at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine near Helena, Montana. You can see by the photo that the bank was undercut so the machinery needed to be moved back. We replaced the barrel screens, added more sluice box and diverted the water. If you get this newsletter without photos you can look online at www.sapphiremine.com under "Newsletters" to see all the recent photos.



We have finished hauling new material from the El Dorado Sapphire Mine. Our strategy is to use a screening plant first to discard the boulders. It has saved on our equipment and is much easier to process. The haul truck drivers had nerves of steel. They drove on a bad stretch of road, crossing through a maze of steep mountain curves, homeowner association complainers, federal and state inspectors of various descriptions to then arrived at the mine site. You can see the value of sapphires going higher as the mire of civilization crowds around us. Recent finds have encouraged just about everyone. **A 15.25 carat white sapphire crystal came out of a regular**

Spokane Bar Monster Mine. A 14 carat, 8 carat, 3.77 carat, several six carat and stunning total weighs of 62 carats of facet grade sapphires were found in El Dorado Monster Mines here at the Gold Fever Rock Shop.

Tour groups of tourists and local area conferences have kept Deb busy. A Geophysics group from the Ukraine and Australia came to dig sapphires. The language differences were quickly bridged with geology jargon of gabbros, basalts and feldspar olivines.

The free Hobby Box special with Monster Mine orders has expired as of July 15th. Get your sapphire gravel orders in before the price goes up



at www.sapphiremine.com! Demand is high and we are selling out daily. We are processing material as fast as we can. Additional Hobby Boxes can be purchased **with any on-line order for \$10 each.** (Hobby Boxes ordered alone are \$25 for one, \$30 for two or \$35 for three.) Get your Hobby Box **added to any order** for \$10 each only until July 31st!!

There is some delay in getting orders shipped out. We are backlogged up to two weeks. Order soon and order often!!

Sincerely,

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