

Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine & Gold Fever Rock

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Dear Friends

Frosted pools of silver water idly blanket Hauser Lake. Dark tin shades of steam drift over motionless water. The gray blue sky pales in the East as lingering pink clouds define directions. A light breeze flutters shrubs, a mixing tone for a new day.

The Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine near Helena, Montana, is the site of daily excitement with rare and unusual sapphire and mineral discoveries. Stockpiles of sapphire gravel line the storage shed and can be ordered by phone at 1-877-DIG GEMS or from our secure website at www.sapphiremine.com. Rick built another awning to keep our gravel dry. Maybe this winter we can keep our snow for ourselves instead of including it in your gravel shipments!



Russ spent a day metal detecting and walking the gravel piles at the El Dorado Sapphire Mine on Friday. He

found a seven-carat sapphire on the ground as he tested the bottom of the pit where the screen plant operator had quit. This is the material we hauled down to the mine office at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine this summer. Russ found streaks of hematite on the ground with one raspberry shaped hematite the size of a golf ball. He tested one quarter of a bucket and recovered 76 carats of sapphires! The El Dorado gravel has been very productive!

Cass and Luke did our summer assessment work at our American Gulch Sapphire Mine. We have a truckload of gravel to test. We are installing a smaller jig to test the material.





I have decided to **continue the Hobby Box and Winter Garnet Gravel special until September 31st of \$10 each with any Monster Mine order.** Normal prices are \$25 each.



Dianna wrote an email about her Hobby Box – “I am really impressed with your hobby boxes. Weight-wise I average as many sapphires if not more per hobby box than the monster mines. Just recently I ordered a hobby box with my monster mine-- in the hobby box I found 78 sapphires, of which 14 were above a carat. Color wise it broke down to 12 blue ones, 24 greenish, 13 red/pink (garnets, rubies), 23 yellow or clear ones and the remainder a mix of colors. I can't wait to start on the actual monster mine. Thank you.”

Sapphires may not be as numerous in the Monster Mines but instead have larger and potentially more valuable sapphires. One good sapphire can pay for the whole bag. I get a few complaints from people who only found a few sapphires. Sapphires are rarer than diamonds. Getting any sapphires at all is a special treat. Our sapphire gravel products provide an exceptional and exciting opportunity to mine at home. Remember, I added a new product last month – the Guaranteed Spokane Bar Monster Mine! Be sure and try one the next time you order at www.sapphiremine.com .

Canada customers: I called to inquire about broker fees and found the following: The UPS brokerage fees should be \$18.45 Canadian added on to the Monster Mines. You can call **UPS Canada at 1-800-263-8125** for additional information as to duties and taxes. I have heard the taxes will vary in different provinces and can be as high as 7%. The information was not posted on their website but is available if you call them.



Recent photos are posted in this newsletter on our website at www.sapphiremine.com . Order soon and order often!

Sincerely,

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