

Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine & Gold Fever Rock Shop

July Newsletter

Dear Friends!

Eighteen thousand years ago, merely two hundred feet from where this letter is being written, a river ran swiftly and strongly full of life long since vanished into the memory of the earth. Time changed what was once a riverbed into **Cactus Hill**, the top terrace of a series of gravel terraces in the ancient river.



The Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine on Hauser Lake near Helena, Montana allows customers to dig for sapphires and gold themselves on Cactus Hill. Out of curiosity, we took a few loads of gravel from the hill with our new dump truck, exposing stones and gems the likes of which we haven't seen in many, many months. A test run of Cactus Gravel revealed a 10.80 carat, clean, royal blue sapphire roughly the size of a thumbnail! This



afternoon, as this newsletter is written in the ninety-two degree shade, the Cactus Hill boulders can be heard thundering down the chute. Clusters of valuable minerals of sapphires, garnets, topaz and gold are caught around the big boulders, indicators of geological activity from the past.

I will sell, for a limited time, Cactus Hill Sapphire Gravel for \$95 including UPS shipping. This material is different from the regular Spokane Bar Monster Mine. Purchase it by ordering a Spokane Bar Monster Mine and in the comment bar type, "**Cactus Hill**" at www.sapphiremine.com, or call the mine at 1-877-344-4367.

For our customers with a taste for the grand scale of treasure hunting Montana offers, the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine offers a **Mega-Mine Run**: approximately twenty-four loader bucket scoops worth of uninterrupted mining, meaning every sapphire that comes out of our trommel is given directly to the customer. We'll work for you, operating the sapphire mine for one days yield of super concentrated material. Customers can select from either Spokane, or El Dorado gravel.

We are excited to announce that an adventurous customer has placed an order for the El Dorado Mega-Mine Run at the end of the month. We have hired two belly-dump trucks to haul the raw gravel over a narrow and dangerous road from the El Dorado Bar back to our facilities here at the Spokane Bar.

The Mega-Mine Run is another one of our non-traditional approaches to the gem industry. For a flat rate, a customer could possibly walk away with untold riches in sapphires whose worth far exceeds the cost of the operation. The values of Montana sapphires continue to expand and gain recognition in the world market. We anticipate many more years of success coming from this mine, but the resources are finite. Someday, these treasures will be gone, but until that day comes we encourage those rock hounds and gem collectors, the treasure hunters and the modern prospectors to take everything they can carry out of this unique period in Montana history.

Nick George, from Florida, recently emailed a photo of his El Dorado finds:

“Hi Deb.. Here's the wonderful result from our mining expedition in Montana at your mine. I've taken several pictures of the 108 or so carats we found. The finished work includes several different cuts from emerald to round brilliant. The largest stone is 4.58 carats. I've also included some larger rough, the largest piece weighing in at 12.20 carats. This material is all from the El Dorado.”



Our Current Special is one Free Mini-Screen with every order of a Monster Mine still applies through July 31st.

Sincerely,
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