

*Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine
& Gold Fever Rock Shop*

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November 3, 2009

Dear Friends:

Tourist season dwindles to a halt in November. Loneliness is setting in, although the sky denies it



– gold and pink clouds on the horizon. This time of year, warm weather is suspect for the winter storms that follows. Four inches of snow and 23 degrees comes next. We are on the edge of another long winter.

Big Game hunting season arrived here at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine, near Helena, Montana as we put our heads down dodging bullets. We are not sure who is sneaking up on the backside of Cactus Hill. We closed sapphire digging until said hunting season is over (and the ground unthaws).

Bags of sapphire gravel have flown out of the mine office to far away places. Customers have snagged every bag plus we have been sacking them on the fly. Big orders are keeping people busy for the winter in Michigan. I guess a ton of gravel in a Chevy Suburban plus four people would make it home... No worries about winter traction.



We barely made it through Labor Day Weekend, before the shelves were bare! We were so swamped all summer, no time to mine! No time for newsletters either!! No time to answer the phone messages, so sorry if you left a message.



The water pump went out on our 955 loader so mining came to a halt. A cold snap put the temperatures in minus 6 degree wind chill. Then we waited until it warmed up again to 45 before venturing out on the project. We had been hauling from three separate pits at the **El Dorado** mine. New sapphire gravel was trucked in from separate dig sites – supply limited – so first come first serve. El Dorado, Mother Lode and

El Dorado Bar pits represented.

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We have Gem Kits, Gem Hunts, Hobby Box of Sapphire Gravel, regular or enhanced with a 2-3 mm blue sapphire, Winter Garnet Gravel with a 5 mm faceted garnet, and large bags of concentrate from Spokane Bar and El Dorado Bar Mines now available. Order on line at www.sapphiremine.com. **All credit cards accepted.**

Our EBay Store has new jewelry listings daily. We are geared up for Christmas this year.



Our Ebay Store has more items listed under Gold Fever Rock Shop! <http://stores.ebay.com/Gold-Fever-Rock-Shop>

Sorry if I sent you this newsletter more than once.

Sincerely,

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