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Remodeling is taking
place in all the build-
ings at the Mine. The
guys are working hard
to ensure things will
be ready for the up-
coming season.

A NEW YEAR WITH SO MANY CHANGES

Deborah Jane Castles Thompson passed away on November 16, 2009.

Things will never be the same at the Sapphire Mine without Deb. Her presence will always be missed and her memory never forgotten.

Memorial services for Deb will be held on April 25, 2010 at the Sapphire Mine to celebrate her life.



The wildlife are ever so present at the mine.

Recent sightings of a young bobcat taking a leisurely stroll across the ice.

Jack Rabbits, as large as a medium sized dog, can be spotted running thru the fields, eluding the fox or coyotes that may be about.

As always, the deer following the trails at the base of Cactus hill can be seen throughout the day.

Two days and 91 blocks



Spending the winters at the mine in Montana are always unpredictable. One day you may be snowed into your home with temperatures dipping around -20°, the next day when temperatures hit a blistering 46°, you are out in a t-shirt and tempted to put on shorts, you just never know.



Consumed by boredom and cabin fever, when it is too cold to mine, the guys took advantage of the time and freezing temperatures by building an igloo on Hauser Lake. Two days, 91 blocks, each weighing over 60lbs, and the risk of frostbite nipping at their fingertips was all it would take to construct this icy creation. The igloo was built large enough to hold 5 people. Only one warm day of 42° to take it away.

Rain or Shine, Snow or Sleet, the mining is always good. Come on out, or order online, and try your luck at turning rocks into riches. Sincerely, Cass Thompson & Staff @Spokane Sapphire Mine