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Hello All! Thank you for your interest in sapphire and gold mining.

Still waiting for The Learning Channel, Search for Amazing Treasures - round 2. All we heard was rumors and nothing can be verified. If anyone hears anything about the re-airing of "Fortunes Abound" documentary on the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine in Montana - let us know! We were bombarded the first time and have just started catching up. I learned more about UPS than I ever thought possible. The couple who ordered sapphire gravel concentrate - the Monster Mine - delivered to their house the day before their anniversary - were surprised to find out they were not neglected, at first query, - they opened the back porch door while on the phone and there sat the box of gravel (at a door they never open). We had a few orders doubled accidentally - we were so anxious to get them out on time! Ron - from California just sent in 118 stones to be faceted by Elliott Sher from his first box. A lady here at the mine, August 3rd, found an 18 carat clean green sapphire - everyone here said \$20-\$30 thousand dollars - easy!! I know everyone has asked since for some of the same material! Seven gold nuggets and a rock full of fossil crinoids - were also found. Some folks have sent in photos, (under "testimonials" on our website www.sapphiremine.com). Summer was hot this year - a week over 100 degrees. The hotter it is - the more people want to dig sapphires - who cares that it is twenty degrees hotter in the pit!

We poured concrete and added some roof to our awning - so we can box sapphire gravel this winter. I said it - sorry - winter. It is hard to imagine with all this heat.

We have added those pocket scales, still have garnet gravel and tons of sapphire gravel - both Monster Mines and Mini Mines. Our website is really easy to order and delivery is right on schedule. Our May deluge of orders had orders lost in the wind, the walls and over the prairie - at least I thought so. We finally discovered our webmaster had taken our site off line a couple of days for repairs and those orders never downloaded. Our site has since been fixed - state of the art. Pretty good for a bunch of miners out in the sticks.

Russ is digging a different pit - called the PG pit (for Pea Gravel). I suspect that is where the recent large sapphire came from. Hope to find more of the same!

Thanks again to all of you for signing up for the eventual news letter. We appreciate all your good comments and photos sent. Hope to see all your sapphire rings come waving through Helena, Montana on your trek to the Treasure State.

Sincerely,
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