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A view of the Kellogg yard after the demolition of the Machine Shop

The Bunker Hill Mining Corporation A New Start for the Silver Valley

The Bunker Hill Mine is one of the most storied base metal and silver mines in American history. Initial discovery and development of the property began in 1885, and from that time until the mine closed in 1991 total production from the mine totaled 42.77 million tons at an average grade of 8.43% lead, 3.52 ounces silver per ton and 4.52% zinc. Through its history the area encompassing the Bunker Hill mine accounts for nearly 42% of the total lead, 41% of the total zinc and 15% of the total silver production in the Coeur d'Alene Mining District. Over this long, 95+ year history, more than 40 separate mineralized zones were exploited, producing 35 million tons of ore concentrate, including a total of 165 Moz. of silver. The Bunker Hill historical mine is located in the world class silver CDA Mining District.

Closed in 1981 due to the coincident effect of low base metal prices and the need to invest significant capital in the upgrade of its processing and smelting operations to meet new environmental regulations, it has remained on care and maintenance ever since. Following its closure, and as part of a regional environmental clean-up operation run by the US Government, its lead smelter and zinc processing plant have been fully dismantled, and its water discharge treated by a government-run Water Treatment Facility. (continued on page 3)

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Open May 25, 2024 through September 4, 2024

Wednesday - Sunday, 11:00a to 4:00p

FREE ADMISSION during the Summer Season of 2024

Spread the word and invite your friends to a Museum Day!





Whisky Tasting at the Museum



The sound of a bag piper filled the evening air in Kellogg on April 26th as guests began arriving for the Shoshone Country's Mining and Smelting Museum's first ever single malt whisky tasting.

The event space in the basement of the museum had been turned into a the perfect venue to partake in an entertaining and educational evening into the world of Single malt whisky,

also known as Scotch, as well as history into the museum building and mining in the Silver Valley. Over \$5000 was raised from this event and will go towards updates to the Staff House's infrastructure and new and upgraded exhibit. Events like this are also important to get more foot traffic into the museum and raise awareness within the community to what is offered at the museum.

The event was led by Peter Showler, whose full time job is the Executive Director of Free Rein Therapeutic Riding in Spokane. We were lucky enough that Peter enjoys moonlighting as a curator of all things Scotch and has been to all the scotch distillers in Scotland except two. Now that is commitment! Peter, dressed in his full kilt, donated his time and expertise to take the 23 guests on a journey through Scotland using single malt whiskey. One scotch from each of 5 main scotch producing regions was paired with cheese, fruits, nuts and chocolates that complimented or highlighted different notes and flavors of the whisky. The night saw a tasting of Speyside, Lowland, Highland, Island and Islay.

The museum would like to thank all of the business that contributed to the success of our event! A Beautiful Scotland inspire flora arrangement was donated by **SOL & SERRE** and went home with one of the delighted guest. The use of the table clothes were provided by **Panhandle Linen** and helped to elevate a formal feel to the museum basements event space. Lastly, **Bunker Hill Mining** donated all the food that was paired beautifully by Pete with the Scotch. We were also so lucky to have a bagpiper in her full dress kilt from Coeur d'Alene Fire Department as guests arrived for the event.

We are especially grateful to Tim Olsen, a former Human Resource Director of Bunker Hill Mining, for his donation of a bronze statue for the silent auction. The statue, titled "From the Earth" was sculpted by Glenn Emmons, one of eight specially commissioned. These smaller statues were modeled after the "larger than life" statue donated to the city of Spokane by the Northwest Mining Association (NWMA) to commemorate their 100 year anniversary in 1995. Founded in Spokane in 1895, the NWMA is non-profit, non-partisan trade association that has grown to support the mining industry in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington, as well as Alberta, and British Columbia, Canada. If you would like to view the life size statue by Mr. Emmons, it sits along the Riverwalk behind the Spokane STCU performing arts center in downtown Spokane.

The silent Auction also included historic maps from the Bunker Hill mine and a few pyromorphite specimens. Thank you to board members Rick and Duke for being in attendance and Kimberly and Karen for helping with set up, serving, and clean up. With the success of this event, the museum hopes to further increase the use of the basement space for community and educational events.

Grants Keep Museum Alive

The Staff House building that houses the Shoshone County Mining & Smelting Museum was constructed in 1906 and is thus nearly 120 years old. As one can imagine such an old wood framed structure requires a lot of maintenance to keep it standing and weather tight. Since the building was donated to the Museum in 1986 by Bunker Hill we have been on a constant mission to repair damage, update the building's exterior, electrical, plumbing and heating systems.

If not for several significant grants the Museum would not be habitable today. Early on significant grants paid for many new windows and a new roof. More recently a large grant from the Inland Northwest Community Foundation (now known as INNOVIA) purchased a new boiler that saved the Museum from closing.

Since then, additional grants from INNOVA have paid for reconstructing a portion of the east side of the first floor including new windows at the Gift Shop and new windows at the School & Fraternal room.

A large grant from the Shoshone County portion of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund has partially paid for repainting exterior of the building. Additional funds from the Idaho Historical Trust will augment funding of the project. We are currently waiting to hear from INNOVIA on yet another grant request that could finish replacement of deteriorated windows.

Do we have other needs? Well of course we do. Deteriorated brick work needs restoration, we need to have the veranda deck rail raised, lighting needs updating, the basement doors need conversion to panic bars, etc., etc.

One of the key aspects that grant providers look for is community support. Thus, while your contribution for a Museum Membership may be much less than some of the larger grants we have gotten, the fact that you are showing your support for the Museum goes a long way toward convincing grant providers that their money is appreciated by the community.

So be your contribution large or small, it all goes toward keeping our doors open and the building in good repair. Thank you for your support!

THE BUNKER HILL MINE CORPORATION:

1885 – 1981 INTEGRATED USA ZINC-SILVER-LEAD MINE AND SMELTER COMPLEX



- Original discovery by Noah Kellogg in 1885
- Production started in 1891
- Smelter Operations from 1915, Zinc Plant from 1954
- Produced >165M oz silver and >5Mt base metals from >35 million tons of ore
- BHMC bought in 1969 for \$1Bn by Gulf Resources Inc of Texas.

1981 – 2016 SHUT DOWN & SUPERFUND CLEAN UP



- Shut down in 1981 due in inability to conform to new environmental legislation passed in 1970s
- Focus of EPA-run Superfund program from 1983
- Smelter, Zinc Plant and all processing facilities dismantled; TSF secured,
- Extensive remediation of site

2016 – 2020 CARE & MAINTENANCE



- Option to purchase Bunker Hill Mine from local owners
- 2017 Consent Decree limited all reclamation liabilities and other costs due to EPA
- Historic mine infrastructure and water discharge quality maintained
- No 43-101 credible technical study of resource limits access to finance

2020 – PRESENT NEW TEAM LEADS MINE RESTART



- ✓ New Management & Board
- ✓ Bunker Hill Mine purchased
- ✓ 43-101 accredited restart plan developed
- ✓ EPA agreement secured
- ✓ Exploration Upside identified
- ✓ Financing Secured
- ✓ Rehabilitation and Mine Construction started
- ✓ TSX-V Listing

Update on Bunker Hill Operations

In 2023, Bunker Hill Mining Corp achieved several key milestones and accomplishments across different areas of its operations. Corporate achievements included an upsized and improved financing package of \$67 million from Sprott Private Resource Streaming & Royalty LLC, uplisting to TSX-V, and being awarded the ESG Developer/Explorer of the year.

In terms of mining, the Russell Portal, which is the main access into the mine, was upgraded. Its dimensions were enlarged from 10'x10' to 16'x16', which will enable mechanized mining rates of 1800-2500 tons per day. The upgrade was completed in October of 2023, and has since allowed for ease of access for the fleet of 20+ ton trucks and 4-6 yard loaders, as well as the installation of a 300hp compressor and mainline fan.

In addition, the Wardner operating yard was connected to the power grid, and procurement for new mining equipment was completed. The footprint for the Wardner yard has increased from the redistribution of waste from the Russell Portal enlargement, and two new office buildings as well as a shop have been assembled.



A snapshot of the new and improved Russell Portal



A view of the new steel sets for the Russell Portal before they were buried

In addition to these activities, a drilling contract with Dynamic Drilling, Inc. was recently executed in support of a drill program that commenced in May 2024, and will last for much of the year to facilitate both resource definition and resource expansion. Over 9,000 feet of core is expected to be drilled to improve confidence in grade and mineralization as well as to identify additional resources close to existing underground infrastructure.

In processing, preparations were made for the construction of a new processing plant, final engineering for the process plant was almost complete, and progress was made on the tailings facility and paste backfill plant in partnership with Tierra Group & Ausenco. The machine shop as well as the historical office building was torn down to make room for the filter and processing plant and new offices have been established in Wardner as well as in the City Hall of Kellogg.

A NEW START FOR THE SILVER VALLEY



Idaho Governor Brad Little joins Bunker Hill CEO Sam Ash in the groundbreaking ceremony on September 22nd, 2023

Offtake and marketing efforts included finalizing the Zn offtake with Teck's Trail smelter in Northern BC. The team was also strengthened through recruitment, including a new CFO, chief geologist and site controller.

In September of 2023, Idaho Governor Brad Little joined Bunker Hill Mining Corp for a groundbreaking ceremony outside of the mine's Russell Portal. The ceremony included a large number of the mine's stakeholders, leadership from the cities of Kellogg and Wardner, as well as representatives from Shoshone County. Mary Russell, wife of the late Bob Russell, for whom the portal is named after was also in attendance and Bob Russell's longstanding support and contribution to the Bunker Hill Mine was recognized.

THE FUTURE

Although a small team has been on the ground diligently paving the way since 2020, this ceremony signified the official restart and re-opening of the new Bunker Hill Mine. It is expected that with the reopening, more than 250 direct jobs could be available, as well as over 1,000 indirect jobs. The reopening will be the first major mine to reopen in an EPA Superfund Site.

Next steps for Bunker Hill Mining Corp included various upgrades to ventilation, ramp access, power, and construction of a maintenance shop, geotechnical stabilization work for process plant foundations, finalization of tailings filtration and paste plant engineering.

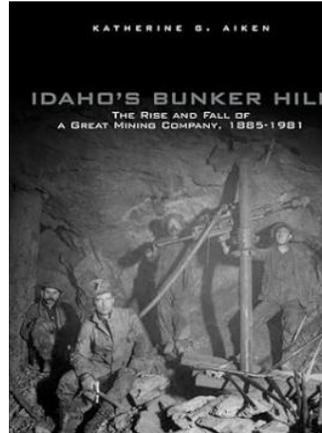
Given the historical data analyzed, it is believed that the Bunker Hill mine has the potential to be re-started as a high-grade zinc-silver-lead mine. The PEA (Preliminary Economic Assessment), and subsequent PFS (Pre-Feasibility Studies), confirms that by maximizing the use of existing resources, partnerships and infrastructure, the Bunker Hill Mine is anticipated to rapidly re-start in late 2024 as a low-cost, long-life and sustainable operation.



IDAHO'S BUNKER HILL

The Rise and Fall of a Great Mining Company, 1885-1981

Katherine G Aiken



For nearly a century, the Bunker Hill Company of Idaho was a leading U.S. mining and smelting corporation that played a key role in the nation's industrial development. At the same time, it was the catalyst for unprecedented labor strife and environmental desecration. In this richly detailed history, Katherine G. Aiken traces Bunker Hill's evolution from the mine's discovery in 1885 to the company's closure in 1981.

Throughout the company's long history, management's relentless pursuit of profit and the labor-management conflicts that often resulted were nothing short of legendary. Often a tale of strife, Bunker Hill's history is at the same time a story of cooperation, dedication, and ingenuity. People literally gave their lives for the production of lead, zinc, and silver. In the end, however, environmental destruction, aging facilities, and mineral shortages, as well as foreign competition, crippled the company's economic viability.

Pick up a copy of "IDAHO'S BUNKER HILL" this summer at THE STAFF HOUSE MUSEUM and learn more about the history of the Bunker Hill Mine

"The Bunker Hill discovery is surrounded with colorful myths. By all accounts, Phillip O'Rourke located the Bunker Hill mining claim on September 10, 1885, but certainly part of the credit belongs to Noah S. Kellogg, an aging, itinerant prospector. Kellogg was out of work and desperate – a condition many miners on the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River shared in 1885, as the gold that had drawn them to northern Idaho was becoming more difficult to locate. Kellogg needed a grubstake and he approached Murray, Idaho residents O. O. Peck (a contractor) and Dr. J. T. Cooper for the necessary money.

According to one vivid account, Cooper and Peck agreed to the loan if Kellogg would take with him a jackass that had been disrupting the peace of the Murray community with its constant braying. In return for taking the donkey, Kellogg received supplies valued at around twenty dollars, including some flour, bacon, coffee, sugar, beans, and dried apples; a \$2.75 pair of boots; and a few location notices.

Sometime during August 1885, Kellogg trudged through rugged terrain to a location in Milo Gulch, on the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. Exhausted from this exertion, Kellogg went to sleep. When he woke up, the donkey was nowhere to be found. Far up a steep slope, Kellogg, much to his chagrin, heard braying and climbed up to retrieve the stubborn beast. It took him most of the day, and when he finally reached the recalcitrant animal and was relaxing with his pipe, he looked down and found galena (a silver-lead ore); he suspected it marked the outcropping of a silver-lead vein."

"Excerpt from the book "Idaho's Bunker Hill" by Katherine G. Aiken

MEET THE MUSEUM OFFICERS &



Karen Ryan, President

Karen is proud to be carrying on a legacy as the fifth generation in her family to work in the mining industry. She has worked in this field for nine years now and has been employed at the Bunker Hill Mine for four years as a surveyor and geotechnician. She studied geology at North Idaho College and UI. Her hobbies include camping, exploring Idaho's beautiful outdoors, skiing, gardening, foraging, and rock-hounding.



Diane Trecker, 1st VP

Diane's family moved to the Silver Valley from N Dakota in 1955 where her father worked for the Bunker Hill, eventually becoming a contract miner. She lived in Wardner and attended St Rita's School before the family of 11 children moved to a farm in Cataldo. She graduated from Kellogg HS in 1972, moved to Oregon where she raised her family and retired from State Farm Insurance, returning to Kellogg in 2018. She is currently restoring an historic home on Main Street in Kellogg, gardens with her sisters, and raises Malshi puppies. She has served on the board since 2018.



Robert Dunsmore, 2nd VP

Bob is a native of the Silver Valley attending school at Elk Creek and Osburn, graduating from Wallace High School in 1950. He earned a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Idaho in 1954. He was employed by the Idaho Hwy. Dept. until 1992 excepting a two year stint with the SSN Seabees in the Philippines. A Licensed Professional Engineer (Retired) he served I.T.D. as Resident Engineer at Osburn and Wallace from 1965 to 1992. He is a long-time member of the Staff House Board and past president.



A.J. (Tony) Teske, Treasurer

Tony was born in Washington D.C. attended Our Lady of Lords Academy, Wallace HS, graduating from Boise High School in 1961. He enlisted in the US Marine Corps Reserve attended U of I. Spent a school year in Salzburg Austria, then attended the University of Notre Dame earning a BA in Liberal Arts and BS in Metallurgical Engineering. From 1967 until 1977 he worked for the Bunker Hill Company primarily at the Zinc Plant. While at Bunker he earned an MBA at Gonzaga University, then worked for Morrison-Knudsen in Boise and Kennecott Copper in Salt Lake. He finished his career at U.S. Borax in Boron, CA.



*Kimberly Johnson,
Board Member*

Kim was born in Detroit, Michigan. She studied Wildlife Biology and Management at Michigan State University graduating in 1977. Following several years of seasonal work with the U.S. Forest Service she began a 35 year career with the Forest Service in the states of Michigan, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. She moved to Kellogg in 2008 and retired in 2013. Her interests include volunteering with the local pet rescue group and animals in general, skiing, biking and golfing. She has served on the board since 2013.



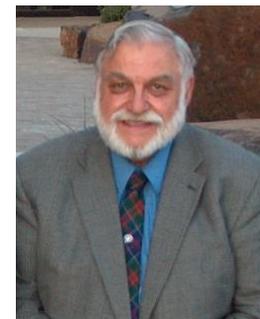
Sara Ash, Board Member

Sara graduated from the University of California, Davis with a BS in geology. The Carlin Trend in Nevada was where she began her mining career working at underground mining operations both there and Northern Territory, Australia. She married her husband, Sam Ash, and followed his career to the copper belt of Zambia and then onto London, UK. In 2020, they moved to Kellogg to begin the restart of the historic Bunker Hill mine. Sara worked as a mining geologist in the early days of the restart and helped to develop Bunker's first digitalized mine model and build the mines resource though a intensive drilling program. She is currently finishing a master's degree in occupational therapy at Eastern Washington University with the goal to bring her knowledge and experience back to the health and safety side of mining. When not in school, Sara enjoys worldwide travel and all things outdoors, especially backpacking, kayaking and scuba diving. Any extra time is spent volunteering at Shoshone Pet Rescue or teaching adaptive horse riding at Free Rein in Spokane, WA.



Richard Chapman, Secretary

Richard was born and raised in Kellogg, graduated from Kellogg High School, and attended the University of Idaho, Spokane Falls Community College, Eastern Washington University, Washington State University and University of Washington. He has a BS in Construction Management for WSU and did Graduate Studies at the U of W. Rick worked summers at the Bunker Hill Smelter and Bunker Hill Mill. He worked for two years underground at the Sunshine Mine and seven years for Northwestern Construction in Spokane. After graduating from WSU he was Estimator and and Project Manager for Swanson-Dean Daewoo constructing Providence Point, Project manager for Cosmos Development building Mount Lake Corporate Center and Cosmos Lynwood Center. He was a construction consultant and Project Manager for 360 Networks and managed telecommunications work at SeaTac Airport for PowerCom. More recently he was Senior Project Engineer on two 50 story towers in Las Vegas for M.J. Dean and a 350 Unit Apartment complex in Henderson for Martin Harris Construction. He is a past President of the Museum.



*Duane (Duke) Little,
Board Member*

Duane was born and raised in Kellogg, and graduated from Kellogg High School. He had a BS in Business and Applied Science from University of Idaho. He is a former employee of McKim, Keiser Northwest Construction Company and Idaho Water Company, and Surveyor and Shoshone County Assessor 1974 through 2003. Duke is a longtime member American Chemical Society and Society of Mining Engineers, a representative for Idaho Association of Assessors, and served on the board of Directors of National Association of Counties.



Sadie Lortz, Board Member

Sadae has been on the Staff House Mining Museum Board since April of 2016. Her Grandfather Dale Miller was a local gold prospector and country singer in Murray, ID. She spent most summers in Murray before moving there as a junior in high school. Her and her father opened a store called "The Old Gold Shop" where they sold gold jewelry and taught people to pan for gold. She also helped Walt Almquist with projects at The Sprag Pole Museum. She found a true love for mining living in Murray and decided to study Geology at the University of

Idaho. After graduating with a BS in Geology in 2002, she spent six years at Hecla's Lucky Friday Mine, one year at the Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporate headquarters and seven years at Americas Gold and Silver's Galena Mine where she is currently the Chief Geologist. Sadae is fascinated by our colorful local history and dedicated to preserving it to share with generations to come.



Oradell Triplett, Board Member

Oradell was born in Kellogg in her Aunt's home on Cameron Ave, who was a mid-wife. In 1941, the family moved to Priest River until 1953 when they returned to Kellogg. After completing her formal education in Priest River, she went to NIC in Coeur d'Alene and later to BYU, studying both Accounting and Business. In addition, she took classes in genealogy and obtained her certification as a Certified Genealogist. She has worked for H. F. Magnuson Accounting in Wallace, and then with SVL in both Accounting and HR. She has been a volunteer at the Staff House Museum since 1989, has held most of the positions on the Board of Directors, as well as president.

The museum is governed by an unpaid board of directors elected from the current membership. Members-in-good-standing who are interested in becoming a board member or officer should contact any of our officers or board members. Board officers serve for one year and board directors serve three years. Elections are held each April at the Annual Meeting. The museum board and members meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30p at the museum.

If you have an interest in the Mining History of the Silver Valley and would like to be a part of the Museum Family, we encourage you to reach out to one of our board members and/or attend our monthly meeting.

~ The Museum Officers & Board Members

New Hospital Opens on McKinley Avenue July 25, 1908

The Wardner News reported that a new hospital had just opened McKinley Avenue just east of the new Kellogg Tunnel. The new three-story structure had all the latest equipment and features making for a first-class hospital. The main floor held examination rooms, x-ray department, and operating room. The second floor held the maternity ward and patent rooms. The third floor held more patent rooms. An elevator and wide stairway connected the floors. In a time where insurance was uncommon, any Bunker Hill miner would be given any treatment needed for \$1 a month. Typical pay back then was \$3 a day.

Living with History



When Keith and Lois Dahlberg moved into their home across from the Bunker Hill office in 1967 it needed a lot of work. It also came with a couple vintage appliances. Most notable was the Monitor Top refrigerator dating from the 1930s. At the time Keith had promised Lois that he would get her a new refrigerator when it stopped working.

While the home has been lovingly restored and maintained, the stove and refrigerator have not been touched. Indeed, they are both performing just as well as when brand new. Lois eventually got a new frig but not because the old one stopped working. A shiny new stainless-steel refrigerator sits in a room next to the kitchen and the vintage Monitor Top still resides in the kitchen purring along as good as ever.

It is noted that the Museum also has an identical Monitor Top refrigerator on display, but the Dahlberg's refrigerator not only runs but is also in better condition thanks to Lois's loving care. Her spotless kitchen also still boasts a bright pink GE electric stove that looks like it just came off the showroom floor. The Dahlberg's are indeed living with history.

