Project Location and Background

The maintenance phase of the Indian-Price Canyon Project revisited reclamation performed at several Carbon County coal mines in the 1980s-90s to fix problems that had cropped up over the years.

Rock and soil backfill placed in mine portals had settled or eroded, leaving the mine workings once again accessible.

Left: Arrows point to a coal mine portal in Sowbelly Gulch that had been dug open and to a new opening created by a rock collapse. Right: Openings after being backfilled.

The AMRP in the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Utah Department of Natural Resources, was created in 1983 to address physical safety hazards associated with abandoned mines as authorized by the Surface Mining Reclamation and Control Act (SMCRA) of 1977. The Program is funded by The Utah Coal Producers who pay an abandoned mine reclamation fee to the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) on each ton of coal mined in Utah.

Owners:
Plateau Mining Co., Blackhawk Coal, Carbon County, Nielson, *****

General Contractor:
Utah Correctional Industries

AMRP Project Manager:
Chris Rohrer
Indian-Price Canyon Project, Maintenance Phase -- Construction Summary

Utah Correctional Industries, the vocational rehabilitation arm of the Utah State Prison, performed the work.

Below: Juniper placed along streambank for protection.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

Project Cost: $10,000

Project Dates:
Start: November 8, 1991
Finish: June 25, 1992
165 Work Days
230 Calendar Days

Accomplishments:
Site Access Improvements: 1
Mine Closure (shafts): 4
Site Grading/Earthwork: 15,326

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Drainage Protection: 1,260 FT
Juniper Revetment: 70 TREES
Revegetation: 2.9 ACRES