Project Location and Background

The Monument Pile site is in Price Canyon about three miles north of the town of Helper, Utah. The project reclaimed two sites. The Monument coal pile site is adjacent to and downslope from U.S. highway 6-50 at the pulloff for the monuments commemorating the Castle Gate mine explosion and Utah’s coal industry. The Trash Canyon Mine site is west of highway 6 in a small east-west trending tributary to Price Canyon.

Overview of Coal Piles at Trash Canyon

The Monument Project was one of the last coal mine reclamation projects in the Castle Gate vicinity in lower of Price Canyon. Its end marked the completion of the major reclamation effort in the area.
Monument, 1995 -- Construction Summary

The purpose of this project was to clean up coal refuse piles and restore the area as well as to remove the hazardous equipment and facilities that pose a threat to the general public. Minchey Digging was awarded the construction contract to dispose of coal waste piles and restore drainage control. The sites were also revegetated with a native seed mix.

On November 21, 1995, buried cultural artifacts were discovered which resulted in a temporary shutdown. As a result, two Change Orders were issued to extend the contract timeframe and for additional excavation to dig for test pits for the cultural resource consultant. The Change Orders resulted in an increase to the contract price by $7,510.10. Accomplishments

5-Mine Tailing Areas Reclaimed (DPE) $62,235.78
1-Hazardous Equipment and Facilities (HEF) $604.82

Earthwork at Trash Canyon
Earthwork and Revegetation at Trash Canyon