



Trapper Mine, C-07519 and C-079641, Environmental Assessment

MINE HISTORY



1954

- » Utah International begins coal drilling exploration.

1958

- » The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issues Federal Coal Lease C-07519 for the Trapper Mine.

1962

- » The BLM issues Federal Coal Lease C-079641 for the Trapper Mine.

1977

- » Mining operations at Trapper Mine begin using draglines.

1978

- » First coal delivery to Craig Generating Station.

1982

- » Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Division, precursor to the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, issues Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) Permit No. C-1981-010 under the Colorado State Coal Regulatory Program. Permit Renewals are subsequently approved every 5 years. A series of permit revisions, technical revisions and minor revisions are also approved over time.

1983

- » Four utility companies that own the Craig Generating Station purchase Trapper Mining Inc., which owns and operates the Trapper Mine.

1997

- » Current cooperative ownership established: Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Platte River Power Authority, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, and PacifiCorp.

2006

- » Landslide occurs within the Federal Coal Lease and the mining plan is subsequently modified to include truck and loader methods.

2015

- » U.S. District Court approves a Joint Proposed Remedy submitted by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Trapper Mining Inc. and WildEarth Guardians where OSMRE agrees to conduct a new National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis for mining within Federal Coal Leases C-07519 and C-079641 from July 1, 2015, though the life of mining in these lease areas. OSMRE agrees to complete the NEPA analysis, including all public participation components, on or before April 30, 2016.