

Case Study

Trout Unlimited Partnership at Mineral Hill

Responsible environmental stewardship is important to Kinross and this includes finding creative ways to make good use of reclaimed mining properties. The Mineral Hill property was mined until 1996 by TVX Mineral Hill, Inc., and then acquired in 2003 by Kinross Gold USA. Kinross continued the reclamation already underway at the site earning the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Hard Rock Mineral Environmental Award in 2011.

The property is located just a few miles north of the world renowned Yellowstone National Park. In August 2017, we announced a unique partnership with the U.S.-based non-profit conservation groups Trout Unlimited and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, including donations of water rights and a land conservation easement.

Kinross donated water rights in Pine Creek and Bear Creek, two Yellowstone River tributaries, which represent about 3 billion gallons of water per annum, to Trout



Unlimited. The donation will protect in-stream flows, enhancing the resiliency of the Yellowstone River ecosystem for the benefit of the Yellowstone cutthroat trout, other fish species, wildlife, recreation, and the State of Montana. We also donated a 222 ha conservation easement to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to permanently protect an important elk migration corridor, and to protect vital wildlife habitat for deer, wolves, moose and bear.

For Kinross, Trout Unlimited, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, these significant donations represent the realization of true partnerships between a mining company and two leading conservation groups to protect critical water and land habitats.

This project contributes directly to SDG 6 (Clean Water) and SDG 15 (Life on Land).

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