Eagle Mine
Ginn Battle Mountain Development
Eagle County, Colorado

In 2004, Ginn Battle North, the current owner of northern-most portions of the Eagle Mine Superfund Site, approached EPA and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (the Department) with a preliminary proposal to redevelop the North Property into a private residential golf and ski community called Battle Mountain. However, previous cleanup activities on the Eagle Mine Superfund Site were not intended to achieve cleanup levels for residential or recreational uses. Therefore, the proposed redevelopment of the North Property of the Eagle Mine Superfund Site requires additional cleanup actions to ensure that residents, workers and visitors to the proposed redevelopment are protected.

For administrative purposes, EPA created a new operable unit, Operable Unit 3 (OU3), to mirror the boundaries of the proposed Battle Mountain development. As described earlier, Operable Unit 3 includes the North Property of the Eagle Mine Superfund Site, and two areas adjacent to the Eagle Mine Superfund Site: Bolts Lake and the Highlands.

EPA and the Department are ensuring that Ginn Battle North takes all necessary steps required in the Superfund process to allow for potential residential and recreational use at Operable Unit 3. Ginn conducted and completed a Remedial Investigation Report for Operable Unit 3 in September 2006. Ginn also finalized a Feasibility Study in March 2007. The next step in the process is the preparation of a Proposed Plan. Public comments will be accepted on the Proposed Plan. EPA will host a public meeting and be available to the public upon request for the duration of the public comment period. At the conclusion of the public comment period, EPA will prepare a Record of Decision with a Responsiveness Summary. A Responsiveness Summary provides a summary of the comments submitted by the public about the Proposed Plan and EPA and the Department responses to those comments.