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Greetings!

I wanted to bring you a couple of quick updates on the Telluride Valley Floor/Boomerang Road Removal Action.

First, our team will be in town next week for “Public Office Hours” on Wednesday, August 25th. Sessions will be held from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. If you’re planning to attend, please register online using this [Link to Public Office Hours registration](#). If you’re unable to attend the entire meeting, it’s fine to just drop in anytime during our Public Office Hours to chat with our team.

We’ve also made some upgrades to the [TVF Site Profile](#), most noticeably, transitioning from a “story map” platform to an enhanced “web experience” platform described, accessed through the [Site Update](#) on the landing page. This enhanced platform allows us to include not only highlights and images of completed work and overviews of upcoming actions, but also allows us to embed interactive tools such as a [link to TVF Air Monitoring results](#) and important info on wildfire smoke, such as [AirNow](#), [EPA’s Wildfire Page](#) and the [Colorado Air Quality Summary](#). Check back regularly as a lot of the site updates in real time. We will soon be adding even more data, such as links to tailings and soil sampling results, you won’t want to miss.

We would also like everyone to know that on Friday, August 20th, the EPA plans to deploy an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) to capture aerial footage of the Telluride Valley Floor (TVF)/Boomerang Road Removal Action site. Joni Sandoval, EPA’s Federal On-Scene Coordinator at TVF/Boomerang Road will oversee the efforts of a contracted UAS operator to document current conditions at the site, including documenting work completed during the 2020 Emergency Response (Phase 1) effort to stabilize eroding tailings in the San Miguel River, site boundaries and locations of remaining tailings piles, and rerouted trails. In addition, EPA hopes to obtain aerial imagery of the location within the Idarado/Newmont repository where contaminated mine tailings and soils are being deposited. Highlights of these UAS videos will be posted to the [TVF Site Profile](#) and links will be shared on [EPA Region 8’s Facebook](#) and [EPA Region 8’s Twitter](#) accounts. We encourage you to follow our work on social media and to amplify our messaging.

Finally, we again ask for your patience, and assistance, regarding trail reroutes. To see an updated map of trail routings, please use this link to [TVF Trail Reroute 3](#).

It’s important that folks steer clear of active work zones and areas known to contain contaminated tailings and soils. While some of these re-routes may feel inconvenient, we’re asking you to use them for your safety, as well as the safety of our team. We don’t want to see anyone hurt during this Removal Action and appreciate any help you can offer in terms of raising awareness of these re-

routed trails with friends and family who recreate near the site, as well as with any organizations in your community that focus on outdoor recreation.

Rerouted trails will be returned to their original paths when our work is done so let's help keep one another safe in the meantime!

Thank you for your interest in the TVF/Boomerang Road Removal Action and please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions/comments or need any additional information.

We look forward to seeing you next week during our Public Office Hours!

Have a wonderful day...be well...and be safe!

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