

Mine Land Restoration

Rail Rock Abandoned Mine Land Restoration

The Bureau of Land Management will remediate the Rail Rock Pit highwalls to protect the recreating public from open pits that pose a fall hazard. The pits fall hazard range from 30-foot vertical to 60-foot vertical drops. The project will remediate the pits to a slope of 2 to 1 to address the public safety hazard. The project also includes plugging bore holes that create a public safety hazard from tripping as well as water quality issues on the edge of the Lordsburg Playa. Additionally, the two pits which contain water will have the high walls modified to benefit wildlife by creating a wildlife water. This will include an enclosure to prevent cattle from using the pits to create a water source that is exclusive for wildlife use. Wildlife that frequent the area include the Mexican Long-nosed bat which is a federally listed endangered species.



The Mexican Long-nosed bat, which is a US Fish and Wildlife Service listed, endangered species, will benefit from the Rail Rock Abandoned Mine Land Restoration project through improved water resources.

 **Reclaim and revegetate mine lands**

 **Eliminate heavy metals contamination**

 **Reduce erosion**

 **Recontour and reclaim lands to pre-mining conditions**

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