



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

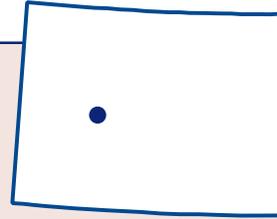
## *Peanut Mine, Inc., Crested Butte, CO*

### **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### **Community Description**

The Peanut Mine, Inc. was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located a mile from the Town of Crested Butte (population 1,529), the target site is one of many abandoned hard rock and coal mines that sustained the local economy until the mid 1970s. Wages have grown only four percent in the past ten years. Following cleanup, land-use plans call for the creation of a trail, recreational activities, wildlife habitat, and grazing land. The project is expected to help diversify and stimulate the economy by contributing to nordic skiing opportunities in the area. Cleanup also will help prevent contamination of the Slate River, which provides water for the town and other downstream users. Town meetings and collaboration with community-based organizations will continue to involve residents in the cleanup and reuse decisions.



### **Cleanup Grant**

**New  
2003**

*\$200,000 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected Peanut Mine, Inc. for a brownfields cleanup grant. The cleanup grant will target the Peanut Mine and Mill site, a former coal mine and milling operation that excavated coal and extracted silver and other commodities brought from other mining sites. Coal and mill tailings containing co-mingled heavy metals and petroleum are on the site, which have been draining into Peanut Lake.

### **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, Peanut Mine, Inc. has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.