STATE PROFILE: New Mexico

Mine Land Restoration

Lemitar Mine Closure Watershed Restoration - Phase 2

The Bureau of Land Management will implement remediation of nine mining features by back-filling and gating mining features to protect the recreating public from falling in abandoned mine shafts and adits which can result in serious injury or death. The project will also include watershed restoration projects on mined lands in the Lemitar Mining District in the Polvadera Mountains. These restoration projects will focus on erosion control at the nine remediated mining features to promote proper watershed function through revegetation and installation of water control structures.



A current open mine shaft in the Lemitar Mining District that will be remediated with BIL Phase 3 funding.

Reclaim and revegetate mine lands

Eliminate heavy metals contamination

Reduce erosion

Recontour and reclaim lands to premining conditions