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In 2014, the EPA conducted a sampling effort to evaluate the potential mine waste impacts in and around Park City. Included in the sampling effort was Treasure Mountain Junior High School. EPA utilized in-situ x-ray fluorescence (XRF) analysis to evaluate the extent of lead contamination in the soil at the Treasure Mountain Junior High School. The surface cover (mostly grass and infield material) was found to be intact and protective, but lead concentrations in the first 6 inches beneath this protective cover were elevated. EPA is in the final stages of approving a project that involves replacing the existing cover at the school and on the nearby recreation fields to improve the protective cover. EPA is proposing to bring the school into compliance with the requirements of Park City's Soil Ordinance for Landscaping and the Maintenance of Soil Cover which requires a 6-inch cover of soil that tests below 200 mg/kg. Any existing vegetation or other material that is removed to create this protective cover will be disposed of and all disturbed areas will be restored.

Because the School District is considering some major changes to the site the EPA is working with the School District, so that any site improvements will be address appropriately at that time.

Of most importance the following should be noted:

- 1) There is not an immediate health threat due the physical condition and use.*
- 2) The most opportune time to address the issue is at the time of redevelopment since there is not an immediate health threat.*