

Ross Adams Uranium Mine Fact Sheet

General Information, History & Resources

The Ross Adams Mine is an inactive Uranium mine located approximately 38 miles southwest of Ketchikan in the west arm of Kendrick Bay on Prince of Wales Island. The deposit was discovered in 1955, and production occurred intermittently until 1971, with an estimated total of 94,500 tons of uranium ore removed.

Historic Operations

- Originally mined by open pit, and later by underground operations.
- Underground operations - three portals at different elevations: 900', 700', and 300'.
- No mill or tailings on site; Ore trucked to an ore staging area and barged off-site for milling.
- The mine affected 17.2 acres of the 1,400-acre Kendrick Creek watershed.
- Approximately 65,788 cy of mine rock was left on site.
- Hazardous substances at the site: Gamma radiation from mine rock, radon gas from mine rock and portals.



Ross Adams Mine aerial view.

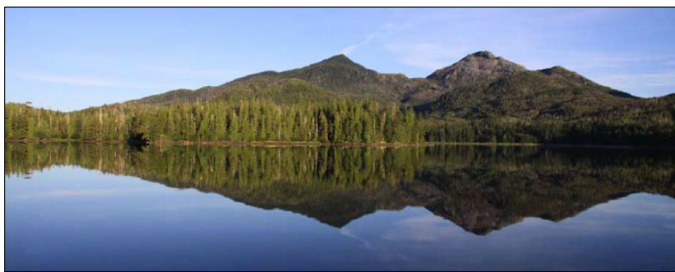
Agreement information

The USDA Forest Service is the lead agency for the cleanup process under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

Newmont USA Limited is conducting the cleanup per the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (ASAOC) with the Forest Service.

In 2023-2024, Newmont completed road design for road improvements needed to perform the removal action. Approximately 70% of needed road construction including removal of mine rock from some of the roadbed was completed in 2024.

In 2025, Newmont will develop the Removal Action Design, prepare the Removal Action Work Plan, continue road construction, and begin constructing the Removal Action, specifically closing the 900'-level portal, preparing the 900'-level repository, and hauling contaminated mine rock from the Ore Staging Area (OSA) and sections of the road to the repository. To construct the road



View of Bokan Mountain and mine area from Kendrick Bay.

to the OSA, it is necessary to remove the cabin at the site. The USDA Forest Service authorized Newmont to remove the government-owned structure. Additional work will be done in 2026-2027.

Once the Removal Action elements are constructed, Newmont will monitor the Removal Action constructed features and the water quality in Kendrick Creek for three (3) years.

Resources

Documents that make up the Administrative Record, including the Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation (PA/SI), the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA), and the 2018 Removal Action Memorandum may be found at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/projects/?cid=fseprd574452>.

Monthly Progress Reports, Project Schedule, and other documents developed throughout the Removal Action will be posted at this site or stored in the Information Repository in the Forest Service Regional Office in Juneau.

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Ross Adams Mine 300 ft portal.