Saving Park City’s Unique Mining Heritage

Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History Capital Campaign
Who are we?

- We are local Park City residents, who cherish our mining history, all of its artifacts, and our mountain lifestyle.
- We are an all-volunteer group focused on saving our mining structures and promoting our history for all skiers, bikers, hikers, visitors, locals and our grandchildren to enjoy.
- We formed Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History in 2015 and are part of the Park City Museum, a 501c3 nonprofit.
- We have strong, long-term partnerships with local resorts, Park City Municipal Corp. and Summit County.
- We’ve identified 9 priority projects: 7 at Park City Mountain and 2 at Deer Valley Resort. Seven of the nine have been completed.
- We are honored to be a 2022 recipient of Preservation Utah’s Community Stewardship Award for our work preserving Park City’s mining history.
Overview

The Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History was formed to preserve the early mining history that built Park City into the world-renowned center of ski and recreation that it is today. Today, many of these iconic structures are in jeopardy of decay and collapse.

To preserve the legacy of Park City’s past, and to teach our rich history to new generations, we are restoring and saving these structures for the future. Through the support of our community, we have saved seven structures since we began in 2015. Now we face our greatest challenge to date - preserving critical components of the Silver King and Thaynes Mine sites.

We are embarking on a campaign to raise $4 million to make these restoration projects possible. The campaign will run through 2023, with a completion of the full project by 2026.

We need your help in our efforts. Please join us to save our history!

The iconic Silver King Mine - then and now.
Park City - Mining Heritage and History

- Ore was discovered in 1868 and was first shipped in 1871.
- Ore was shipped to smelters in Salt Lake City via two rail spurs that were completed between 1880 and 1890.
- Over 400 distinct claims were prospected resulting in more than 100 operating mines in the Park City district.
- The Park City mining district was the largest silver mining camp in America at the turn of the century.
- Major mining operations had dwindled into the 1960’s, the town became a ski destination in 1963, and the last mine closed in 1982.
The Challenge

- Many historic mining structures are now 80 to 100+ years old.
- Our goal is to honor Park City’s unique silver mining heritage for future generations by stabilizing important structures.
- We’re in a race against time to safeguard the structures before they collapse due to harsh weather.
- Restoration is expensive and requires specialized structural management and planning.
- To be successful we will need many community members and advocates, like you, to join our efforts.

Daly West Headframe - Collapsed in 2015
Silver King Warehouse - Collapsed in 2019
Thaynes Hoist House - Collapsed in 2023
Endangered Structure:
Silver King Mine

Silver King Headframe Buildings:
$1.7 Million Estimated Stabilization Cost
(Naming rights available)

The Silver King Headframe, Hoist House and ancillary buildings stand proudly at the base of the Bonanza lift. The Silver King mine was one of the most profitable of all the Park City Mining District mines. More than 20 millionaires came from mining in Park City.
Endangered Structure: *Thaynes Mine*

Thaynes Headframe Buildings:  
$1.3$ Million Estimated Stabilization Cost  
(Naming rights available)

The Thaynes Headframe and Hoist House Complex was built in 1937. It operated for 10 years, but never produced any silver. It’s most famous for being the *terminus of the skier subway* from 1964 to 1966.
Preserved Structures

King Con Counterweight:
Saved in 2016 - $41,026

California Comstock Mill:
Saved in 2017 - $74,196

Little Bell Ore Bin:
Saved in 2018 - $56,917

Jupiter Ore Bin:
Saved in 2018 - $36,974
Preserved Structures

Thaynes Conveyor:
Saved in 2020 - $231,224

King Con Ore Bin
Saved in 2022 - $125,500

Daly West Headframe:
Saved in 2022 - $680,250*

*Funded by 2001 Flagstaff Agreement proceeds from Park City Municipal Corporation and Empire Pass Master Owners Association
Park City Mountain Mining Sites

3. JUPITER MINE - ORE BIN
For experts only, located at the base of West Face

4. SILVER KING MINE - HEAD FRAME BUILDING
At the base of the Bonanza Express

5. KING CON MINE - ORE BIN
Where 1½ Load and Short Fuse meet skiers left on Claimjumper

6. KING CON MINE - COUNTER WEIGHT
On skiers right part way down First Time run

7. CALIFORNIA - COMSTOCK MINE
Where Keystone meets Jupiter Access on skiers left

18&2. THAYNES MINE - HOIST HOUSE AND CONVEYOR GALLERY
Where Thaynes Canyon meets the bottom of Thaynes chairlift

Credit for this image belongs to Park City/Vail Resort
The Need

To date, FOSMMH has raised $710,000 and successfully restored seven mining structures. The two remaining priority structures that we need to stabilize before they collapse are much more complex. They will require a significant investment to not only save, but to maintain for future generations.

The numbers below reflect the future costs associated with the stabilization of the structures, the administration of the campaign, and the creation of an endowment to ensure the buildings are cared for in the future.

Campaign Budget

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The Campaign: Please join us!

To accomplish our design to restore these critical structures, the Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History has launched a capital campaign to raise $4 million. We are seeking support from friends and advocates to reach our goal. The fundraising campaign is expected to run for two years. We need the support of friends and donors at all levels. Here is the gift table to help the campaign reach its goal. We hope you will consider a donation.

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Donations can be made in the form of cash, stock, in kind and other assets. Donations of $25,000+ can be made in installments over a four-year period. All gifts of that level will receive special recognition.
Campaign Leadership

Leadership and support from the community is essential to the success of this campaign. Under the leadership of Sally Elliott and Donald Roll, Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History is expanding its reach to all those who share a desire to preserve our history. The Campaign Committee and Campaign Advisory Group play a key role in engaging with our many friends, and potential supporters.

Capital Campaign Committee
- Ron Butkovitch
- Ember Conley
- Sally Elliott
- Lynn Fey
- Burton Kloster
- Karl Lund
- Alicia O'Meara
- Morgan Pierce
- Syd Reed
- Donald Roll
- Sara Werbelow
- Kristin Williams

Campaign Advisory Group
- Andy Beerman
- Sandy Brumley
- John Hutchings
- Sheila Raboy

FOSMMH Committee Members
- Paige Anderson
- Robbie Beck
- Brian Buck
- Marianne Cone
- Michelle Downard
- Hylton Early
- Torch Elliott
- Harry Fuller
- Dalton Gackle
- Peter Gatch
- Brent Hill
- Garrett Lange
- Aiden Lillie
- Alan Long
- Bill Malan
- Jan Manning
- Clark Martinez
- Gretchen Miliken
- Rosie Moore
- Katie Mullaly
- Rory Murphy
- Doug Ogilvy
- Jonathan Richards
- Tom Riley
- Sallie Rinderknecht
- John Sale
- Randy Scott
- Carol Spiegel
- Donovan Symmonds
- Bill Tafuri
Project Team

FOSMMH has at its disposal an amazing team of experts in their field. These professionals share our passion in saving our historic mining structures. A team with similar expertise might cost three to four times as much. We are lucky and proud to have them on our team.

Jonathan (JR) Richards is a licensed structural engineer and founding partner of Calder Richards Consulting Engineers. He has over 35 years of experience stabilizing, rehabilitating, and preserving many of Utah’s iconic building structures. JR is recognized by Preservation Utah for his passion and expertise and provided his engineering expertise on six of our stabilization projects.

Brian Buck is our Mining Structures Project Manager. Brian has worked in the mining industry in the U.S. West for 45 years. Brian is a student of the mining history of the area, particularly the engineering and operations of the mines and mills. Brian has been a member of FOSMMH since shortly after it was founded.

Vincent “Clark” Martinez has been our contractor for six of the priority structures we have stabilized. Clark is a 4th generation Park City Miner and has worked in many of Park City’s mines. He founded Xcavation Company, specializing in reclamation of defunct mines all over the West. Clark has closed and reclaimed around 7,000 mines.
Key Partnerships

Partnerships with institution, organizations, foundations and governments, play a key role in the success of the mission of Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History. Listed here are some of those partnerships. We express our thanks for their ongoing support, and invite you to join this effort.

In 2015 Vail Resorts with Park City Municipal Corp and Park City Museum entered into a 15-year agreement to preserve mining structures at Park City Mountain.

In addition:
- Vail Resorts provided an initial $50k cash grant, $50K in EpicPromise Matching Grants, plus ongoing annual contributions.
- Vail Resorts sponsors an Annual First Tracks fundraiser at Park City Mountain.
- Vail Resorts has donated chair lifts and gondola cabins for auctions.
- All groups work together to preserve the priority mining structures.
Additional Partnerships

DEER VALLEY

parkcity

Stantec

PARK CITY MUSEUM

PARK CITY SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB

SILVER STAR

Park City Rotary

PARK CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

EMPIRE PASS

Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

Montage

DEER VALLEY

RioTinto

SUMMIT COUNTY RESTAURANT
For Further Information

Interested in participating in our campaign to preserve the rich mining history of Park City? Contact us at:

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Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History is an all-volunteer committee. 100% of tax-deductible donations go directly towards stabilization projects.