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Subtopic F10: Historic Mining – Mill Sites

Thirteen public and agency comments were received on the F10: Historic Mining – Mill Sites subtopic. From these 13 comments, 5 common concern statements were developed. Themes associated with the F10: Historic Mining – Mill Sites subtopic include:

- The Draft PEIS did not identify 23 mill sites existing in or immediately affecting the I-70 right-of-way on maps, discuss their hazards, or include mitigation measures.
- The Draft PEIS did not discuss the liability issues related to orphan mill and mining sites.
- The Draft PEIS did not portray the tremendous amount of mineral development that has occurred in the Corridor.

CCS No.	Environmental Sensitivity Common Concern Statements (CCSs)
Subtopic F10: Historic Mining – Mill Sites	
F 10-a	Inadequacy of Alternative Comparisons The Draft PEIS discusses impacts on historic mine waste by alternative groups but does not adequately compare and evaluate individual alternative impacts.
F 10-b	Inadequate Portrayal of Mineral Development The Draft PEIS does not adequately portray the tremendous amount of mineral development that has occurred in the Corridor, especially as it is centered along the waterways (due to the accessibility of hydropower).
F 10-c	Evaluation of 23 Mill Sites The Draft PEIS must include evaluation of alternative impacts for 23 mill sites existing in or immediately affecting the I-70 right-of-way. These mill sites are not indicated on maps and the associated hazards are not sufficiently highlighted. The existence of these mill sites is undeniably known to CDOT.
F 10-d	Disturbance of Orphan Mill and Mining Sites There is a potential liability issue associated with disturbance of orphan mill and mining sites.
F 10-e	Mitigation Measures for 23 Mill Sites The Draft PEIS should include mitigation measures for 23 mill sites existing in the I-70 right-of-way.