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Movement and minor foundation cracking has been observed at the South end of the Bodie Dump at the Elkview Mine. Ricci and Paul inspected the operation yesterday and ordered dumping to cease until and area has completely stabilised. Tim Eaton will inspect the site Tuesday Aug 31.

Recent accidents/incidents:

- While operating a small battery powered loco at an underground placer mine, the operator received injuries including a broken leg when the loco went through/over the dump stop, dropped down and rolled on top of the operator. The loco was found to be in perfect working condition, and it is unclear why the operator did not slow down by releasing the deadman, putting the loco in reverse, or applying the brake.
- Two miners were fortunate to escape injury when they walked close to an un-garded blast at Sullivan Mine. On the night shift a trammer blasted a blast in a chute. He only guarded one approach to the chute and set the blast off when two miners were walking to within approx 20 ft of the chute. The miners were shaken up but not injured. Interviews planned with blaster next week.
- A miner received a broken leg and shoulder blade when he was struck by some rock when there was a large fall of ground at Sullivan Mine. An area was causing concern and was being remote mucked. There was a large collapse (larger than anticipated) and some rocks rolled and caught the operator. Operations to recover the buried scoop underway (remote) and area is being evaluated for rehab.
- No injured at Fording River mine when a haul truck struck the rear on another one.

The snow has finally gone from the higher elevations and several exciting exploration programs are underway in the Kootenays. It appears that once again the Kootenays will buck the provincial trend with high (normal!) exploration spending.

Parson Production of barite at the Parsons mine will be completed shortly. The last few pillars are being robbed near the surface and the hoist and other equipment is being decommissioned and moved off site.

Paul Elkins, the new MHS Inspector in Cranbrook, is settling in the Kootenays. No stranger to BC, Paul, who has a geology and mining degrees from UBC, worked for Fording River for a