



# THE SPRINGPOLE EXPLORER

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## NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



You can find us on Facebook at First Mining Gold, please like and follow our page to receive updates about the Springpole Gold Project.



September 30th was Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. During this day of reflection, First Mining Gold employees wore orange shirts and raised a flag at the Springpole exploration camp to support, and raise awareness in the spirit of advancing reconciliation. First Mining Gold also held a company-wide team meeting to share, reflect, and have a moment of silence to honor the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.



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# FIRST MINING GOLD IN YOUR COMMUNITY

## CENTRAL CANADA'S RESOURCE EXPO

First Mining Gold had a booth set up at Central Canada's Resource Expo (CEN CAN Expo) in Thunder Bay, Ontario during September 14th - 15th, 2022 to share information about the Springpole Gold Project with the public. The CEN CAN Expo is Central Canada's largest gathering of the natural resource sector that hosted over 300 indoor and outdoor displays, live demos, conferences, and career fair.



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

FMG is pleased to support the following events/groups in the region:

Mini Sore Muscles Slo Pitch Tournament – Cat Lake First Nation

Fish Derby – Mishkeegogamang Ojibway First Nation

Men's Blueberry Open Golf Tournament – Sioux Lookout Golf & Country Club

Monster Bingo – Cat Lake First Nation

Surface Miner Program Graduates – First Nations Safety & Training

Youth Volleyball Tournament at King Fisher Lake First Nation Sponsorship – Mishkeegogamang Ojibway First Nation



## SPRINGPOLE PROJECT HIGHLIGHT - COMPACT FOOTPRINT

The Springpole Project design team has focused on achieving a compact mine site resulting in one of the smallest footprint open pit mining projects in the gold sector for a mine of its class in Canada, with a mine footprint of approximately 780 ha. FMG has worked to optimize the proposed Project design and infrastructure siting, so that the location and configuration of the facilities avoids or limits the potential environmental effects of the Project. The proposed Springpole mine site footprint is less than half the size of similar gold mines in Ontario such as the Hardrock Mine in Geraldton, or the Rainy River Mine north of Fort Frances. It is even a similar size to the

Musselwhite Mine, which is an underground mine! One of the key infrastructure components that has allowed for this is a single Co-Disposal Facility (CDF) for mine rock and tailings, as compared to the use of a separate mine rock stockpile and tailings management facility. This also reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from reduced haulage of construction and mine waste materials.

The designs presented in the draft environmental impact statement/ environmental assessment EIS/EA may be refined, through more detailed engineering studies, regulatory guidance and feedback from ongoing consultation and engagement activities throughout the draft EIS/EA review process. We encourage you to participate by providing any comments or questions you have!

## THE SPRINGPOLE GOLD PROJECT Timeline at a Glance

**2015** – FMG completes acquisition of Gold Canyon Resources Inc., which wholly-owns the Springpole Gold Project.

**2017** – FMG announces a positive Preliminary Economic Assessment.

**2018** – FMG submitted the Project Description to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (now called the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada). Based on the Project Description, a Federal Environmental Assessment was required, and the government issued Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines for the Project.

**2019** – FMG announces the positive results of an updated Preliminary Economic Assessment.

**MARCH 2021** – FMG announces positive pre-feasibility study for the Springpole Gold Project.

**APRIL 2021** – FMG submitted the Project's Terms of Reference (ToR) to the Provincial Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The ToR is the framework for the preparation and review of the provincial Environmental Assessment.

**NOVEMBER 2021** – ToR approved, Environmental Assessment formally underway.

**JUNE 2022** – Draft EIS/EA circulated for review and input.

# ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR: ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING PROGRAM




Darren Thompson, Environmental Monitor, Springpole Gold Project

Over the past year, Environmental Monitor, Darren Thompson from Lac Seul First Nation has been participating and undertaking various environmental baseline data collection studies such as Surface and Groundwater monitoring, Air Quality, Hydrology, Fish & Fish Habitat, and Terrestrial & Wildlife to support an Environmental Assessment / Environmental Impact Statement for the Springpole Gold Project. First Mining supported Darren to acquire certification through an environmental training program.

*“Over the last year, I’ve had the opportunity to assist the environmental group as one of the Environmental Monitors on site. With help from First Mining, I had the opportunity to obtain a certificate from Blue Heron Environmental and Northern Colleges’ Environmental Monitor training program, where I learnt about all the roles and responsibilities and reasons why we conduct these assessments. It really helped me understand more about the programs we do concerning the air, water, soil and wildlife. I felt that I had a head start during the training because of the hands-on experiences I had prior at site before attending the program. My experiences on site have been great and it’s amazing to see First Mining go above and beyond when it comes to studying the environment and impacts from their aquatics program, hydrology and fish habitats to the terrestrial programs. I’m proud to be a part of this project.” – Darren Thompson, Lac Seul First Nation member*



# LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SPRINGPOLE GOLD PROJECT!



October 6, 6-8 PM ET

## WATER RESOURCES

Watch online now!

In this first presentation, we'll focus on the assessment of surface water and groundwater features including associated environmental protection measures.

In our second presentation, the focus will be on fish, the habitat that supports these fish, and the health of fish populations including associated environmental protection measures.



October 11, 6-8 PM ET

## FISH AND FISH HABITAT

Watch online now!

For our third presentation, archaeology, cultural heritage, commercial and recreational land use, local and regional economy, infrastructure and services as well as traditional land and resource use will be discussed including associated environmental and social protection measures.

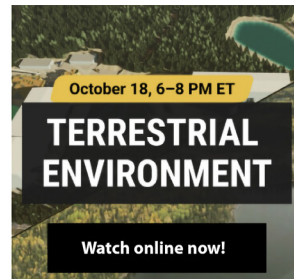


October 13, 6-8 PM ET

## HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

Watch online now!

Our fourth presentation will focus on vegetation communities, wetlands and wildlife including species at risk and associated environmental protection measures.



October 18, 6-8 PM ET

## TERRESTRIAL ENVIRONMENT

Watch online now!

In our fifth and final presentation, our focus will be on air quality, greenhouse gases, noise and vibration including associated environmental protection measures.



October 20, 6-8 PM ET

## ATMOSPHERIC ENVIRONMENT

Watch online now!



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First Mining Gold invites you to learn more about the Springpole Gold Project and its draft environmental assessment report with a 5 part series of presentations and Q&A with WSP (previously Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions)

## Webinars

First Mining Gold held a series of Webinars for the Springpole Gold Project Draft Environmental Assessment. Copies of the webinars can be viewed on the Environmental Assessment Portal under the Draft EIS/EA Summary Materials and Presentations tab or by going to the link below.

Water Resources: October 6, 2022

Fish and Fish Habitat: October 11, 2022

Human Environment: October 13, 2022

Terrestrial Environment: October 18, 2022

Atmospheric Environment: October 20, 2022

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/fb5518492b144cd7a4c4a4617683ee22>

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