

KINROSS

OUR UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP WITH TROUT UNLIMITED

The Kinross Approach



Kinross believes that mining brings opportunity to protect, restore and add to the natural environment, both during operations and through responsible mine closure. Partnership is essential to this work, and we have worked

with Trout Unlimited since 2015 on a variety of conservation projects in the United States. As part of Kinross' Montana Mineral Hill mine site reclamation, Kinross partnered with Trout Unlimited (TU) to donate 3 billion plus gallons of cold water rights in 2017 to protect and enhance fish habitat and the flow of critical tributaries to the Yellowstone National Park ecosystem. In Nevada, Trout Unlimited and Kinross have worked to restore and improve fishing on Nevada's Truckee River near Reno and along a one-mile reach of the East Walker River. Since 2019, Trout Unlimited and Kinross have also helped host a Youth Fly Fishing camp in Spring Creek, Nevada. The two-day camp teaches children everything from fly casting to fly tying to introductory water and trout conservation.

In Alaska, Trout Unlimited, Kinross and the U.S. Forest Service came together in 2020 to launch the innovative Alaska Abandoned Mine Restoration Initiative. This program restores creek habitat that was damaged by historical mining activities decades before Kinross arrived in Alaska. Its first effort was in Resurrection Creek, near Hope, site of one of Alaska's first gold rushes more than a century ago.

This initiative has won the Corporate Conservation Award from Trout Unlimited, the Alaska Miners Association's Environmental Stewardship Award and the 2022 USDA Forest Service Alaska Regional Forester's award.

Kinross also supported Trout Unlimited's efforts to pass Good Samaritan legislation to promote clean-up and restoration of abandoned historic mines around the U.S.



The Abandoned Mine Restoration Project is a significant step in the right direction. It is the work of not only those supporting our incredible salmon populations and fisheries, but also the rich history that mining brings to Alaska."

– Alaska U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski

The Trout Unlimited Approach

Trout Unlimited believes in an inclusive, collaborative approach to coldwater conservation that integrates the needs and expertise of all stakeholders. It actively seeks to build durable partnerships to leverage resources and ensure that its projects and initiatives are multi-benefit. Its formula for success makes fishing better and emphasizes four key strategies: protecting intact habitat, often in the headwaters of watersheds on public lands; reconnecting fragmented fish habitat; restoring degraded habitat and at-risk native trout and salmon populations; and sustaining conservation gains and public support for them by building an active community of angler-advocates.

Trout Unlimited has two chapters in Nevada and five in Alaska.



Kinross has committed significant resources to rehabilitating waterways impacted by historical mining operations. The primary goal is to restore ecological balance, improve fish habitats and ensure sustainable benefits for current and future generations."

– Trout Unlimited

Partnerships between Kinross and Trout Unlimited

Montana

- Mineral Hill Reclamation Site - Cold Water Rights Donation (2017)

Nevada

- East Walker River Fisheries Habitat Enhancement Project (2021 - 2023)
- Elko Community Fishing Pond (2022 - Current)

- Fly Fishing Film Tour (2018 - 2019)
- Truckee River Fisheries Habitat Enhancement Projects (2023 - Current)

- Youth Fly Fishing Camp and Wheelchair Fishing Access (2017 - Current)

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Alaska

- Alaska Abandoned Mine Restoration Initiative - Resurrection Creek (2020 - Current)
- Armed Forces Fishing Trip (2018 - Current)

- Fort Knox Mine Youth Education (2018 - Current)
- Youth Education and Family Fishing Events (2018 - Current)

United States

- Good Samaritan Legislative Initiative (2016 - Current)

2017 - Kinross Partners With Trout Unlimited on Significant Cold Water Rights Donation From Reclaimed Mineral Hill Mine Site To Protect and Enhance Fish Habitat and Yellowstone Park Ecosystem

Big Win for Yellowstone's Cutthroat Trout

By Chris Wood, Trout Unlimited - Good news for your weekend.

A few days ago, a year to the day that tens of thousands of coldwater fish were killed in the Yellowstone River due to low flows, high water temperatures and associated disease, TU signed an agreement with Kinross that will result in at least 3 billion gallons of water per year remaining instream in critical tributaries of the Yellowstone. It is the first-of-its-kind agreement with a mining company and one of the largest and most ecologically significant donations of water rights in history.



The governor of Montana, the deputy secretary of Interior and the entire Montana congressional delegation gather to celebrate historic water rights.

Kinross was under no obligation to donate either the land or water. In fact, it never actually mined the area. Kinross acquired the property in a larger transaction with another mining company and then performed an award-winning abandoned mine clean-up prior to donating the water and the land.

Whether Kinross did this because CEO Paul Rollinson and many others in the company love to hunt and fish or simply because it was the right thing to do is immaterial. What matters is that this action will provide thermal refuge and late-season flows for Yellowstone cutthroat trout and other coldwater species. Most important, it establishes a precedent that other companies can follow.

Mostly, however, the project is a tip-of-the-hat to the patient and hard work of collaborative stewardship and the value of partnerships, relationships and results on the ground for making fishing better and the world a better place.

“Mining responsibly is an imperative at Kinross and guides decision-making at all of our properties. We are proud to partner with Trout Unlimited and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to achieve positive benefits for the environment and local community by protecting important fish and wildlife habitats in the Yellowstone area.”
– J. Paul Rollinson, Kinross Gold President and CEO

2023 - Kinross Partners with Trout Unlimited on Truckee River Fisheries Habitat Enhancement Projects



Nevada is home to a surprising number of angling opportunities. None, however, come close to receiving the number of angling days as the Truckee River, since its course runs through Reno.

The stretch of the Truckee River passing through Reno has great potential to benefit the urban population, providing opportunities for recreation in the natural environment. However, due to urban development, there is a need for habitat restoration. Through a partnership with the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Trout Unlimited

identified two sites along the urban and industrial corridors of the Truckee River that are incredible candidates for habitat enhancement/restoration.

With Kinross support, TU completed hydrological-site analysis and conceptual designs for the two restoration projects two winters ago.

“We are excited to build on our longstanding partnership with Kinross as we expand our conservation work into Nevada.”
– Trout Unlimited

2020 - Kinross Partners with Trout Unlimited to Help Restore Resurrection Creek in Alaska



Kinross Alaska has partnered with Trout Unlimited to create the Alaska Abandoned Mine Restoration Initiative – the first partnership of a major mining company and a fish conservation NGO working together in Alaska to restore stream beds to support salmon spawning.

The first project of the partnership will support Phase II development, along with the U.S. Forest Service, of Resurrection Creek. The project aims to rebuild historical wildlife and fish habitats at Resurrection Creek, now a popular

recreation spot near Anchorage that was disturbed during mining activities in the area many decades ago.

The project is expected to run from May through July for three seasons and will restore the main channel and floodplains, construct new spawning pools and add vegetation to areas surrounding the stream.

“It’s exciting to have partners like Trout Unlimited and Kinross at the table for a project like this because it opens up the door to resources that help us get the work done on the ground that would probably not be possible,” said Angela Coleman, hydrologist for the U.S. Forest Service at Chugach National Forest. “It will have pretty beneficial, lasting effects on the landscape for future generations.”