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Photo Caption: *Carissa Hoist House and Head Frame Summer 2008 at South Pass City, Wyoming*

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New Head Frame at Carissa Mine Will Help in the Public's Understanding of Mining at South Pass City, Wyoming.

South Pass City, WY – This past March saw the construction of the Head Frame for the Carissa Mine. With the Head Frame in place, the Trestle will begin to span the 400 foot gap between the Mine and the Mill house. The Trestle, Shaft House and Head Frame reconstruction will close a major educational gap in the public's understanding of mining at South Pass City by allowing visitors to trace the course of ore production from start to finish. It will also restore the charismatic view shed that was synonymous with the Carissa Mine and South Pass City for half a century.



South Pass City State Historic Site will offer public tours of the Carissa Mine August 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th. Tours will start at the South Pass City parking lot, in South Pass City. The public will be able to see the Carissa Mill House prior to the extensive restorations planned for the next few years.

In 2003 the Wyoming State Legislature purchased the Carissa mine to add to South Pass City State Historic Site. The Carissa was the main economic engine for South Pass City and operated as a functioning gold mine well into the 1940's. Curator of Public Programs Jon Lane will walk visitors through the complex workings of the mill and give an overview of the developments at the mine from 1870 to the late 1940's.

Currently, the Abandoned Mine Lands Division of the Department of Environmental Quality is stabilizing the Carissa Mine and Mill. This four-phase project will complete in the Fall of 2008.

Due to safety regulations, tours are limited to 20 people and reservations must be made with South Pass City State Historic Site. To make a reservation Call 307-332-3684 and ask for Carissa Tour Reservations. The tour is very rigorous and participants should be able to negotiate steep terrain and steep stairs. This tour is not appropriate for young children.

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