

4.0 ROSEMONT POST-CLOSURE LAND USES

Post-mining reclamation objectives for the Rosemont property are consistent with typical rural values embodied in the use concepts associated with western open space, such as dispersed recreation, wildlife habitat, and ranching.

4.1 Recreation

Current and probable post-mining recreational activities include:

- Horseback riding;
- Hunting;
- Prospecting;
- All-terrain vehicle and motorcycle riding;
- Four-wheeling;
- Hiking; and
- Bird-watching.

Additional recreation opportunities, such as camping, currently exist at the Rosemont property. Many of the sites used, however, are on private land within the footprint of the proposed facilities. Post-mining opportunities for camping may still exist in the area at locations allowed by the Forest Service.

4.2 Ranching

The Rosemont property is part of an existing ranching facility with over 15,000 acres of grazing rights. The post-mining use for a portion of this facility will include on-going ranching. Much of the top surface of the Rosemont Ridge landform will be ideal for grazing once vegetation is established.

4.3 Wildlife Habitat

Because Augusta is planning concurrent reclamation of the facility, it is anticipated that the establishment of wildlife habitat and wildlife use will start early in the Project life. By year 10, significant portions of the outer surfaces of the Ridge will have been reclaimed.

4.4 Long-Term Management Opportunities

Augusta Resource Corporation is committed to meeting the reclamation standards provided in the State and Federal regulations. Additionally, Augusta has identified, and is exploring, other opportunities related to future management of the site.