

[High Grade Silver Ore]



Source: United Keno Hill Mine, Silver Trail Highway, Keno City, Yukon.

Method of extraction: High grade silver ore is extracted from rocks by smelting or chemical leaching.

Method of processing: To process silver ore it is crushed into small pieces then mixed with multiple things.

Commercial uses: Silver is sold mainly as jewelery. Coins that can go up and down in price depending on the economy are also popular.

Environmental impacts of mining/processing: Trees get torn down in order to build high grade silver mines. It also hurts to mine in them because machines are used to get silver out of the mine. Processing silver affects the environment because chemical leaching can be harmful to the environment. Smelting can also hurt the environment because of smoke from the machines during the smelting process.



Interesting facts: Silver, a world wide known ore, has been fully known about since long ago in ancient times. North America, especially the places further west, had large amounts of money from silver mining.

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