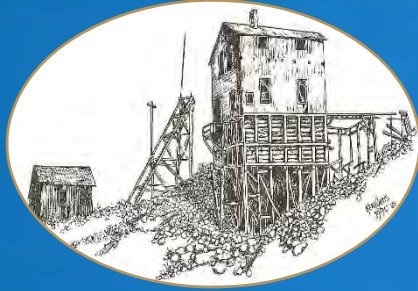


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*Silver
Top*



Russ Gartz Photo

Success!

The Silver Top Headframe sits resting on its temporary stands while waiting for its new cement foundation.

Silver Top Headframe

While the Silver Top Headframe Restoration project is almost complete, the Tonopah Historic Mining Park Foundation is still actively seeking much needed funds to pay for the restoration of the Silver Top Orehouse and Desert Queen Headframe. Please take a moment, renew your membership, and send us a donation! A portion of this project has been funded with the assistance of the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation, which provided just over \$100,000. Round Mountain Gold (Kinross) has saved us at the last minute through a grant of \$40,000. Crews from Simerson first removed the mine cage elevator from the Silver Top Headframe. They then tightened all bolts and placed new ones. Next, the crew used tie down straps to ratchet the wood members together. The legs of the Headframe were then chain sawed from the blocks of cement placed there in the 1990s, and a large crane moved the Silver Top Headframe away from the shaft. Work was then done on the shaft, including placing new landings, repairing the collar and using expanding foam around the collar. A new concrete foundation was poured and the Silver Top Headframe will be placed back where it belongs, on top of the new foundation. All photos are by Russ Gartz, THMP Tour Guide.



Small cranes are brought in to remove the elevator from the Silver Top Headframe.

Restoration Project



A look down the Silver Top mine shaft after new landings have been placed.

Placing the new bolts into the Silver Top Headframe to reinforce the structure.





New bolts are placed in the Silver Top Headframe to help reinforce the structure.

Tie down straps are placed on the Silver Top Headframe to keep the wood from pulling apart when lifted.





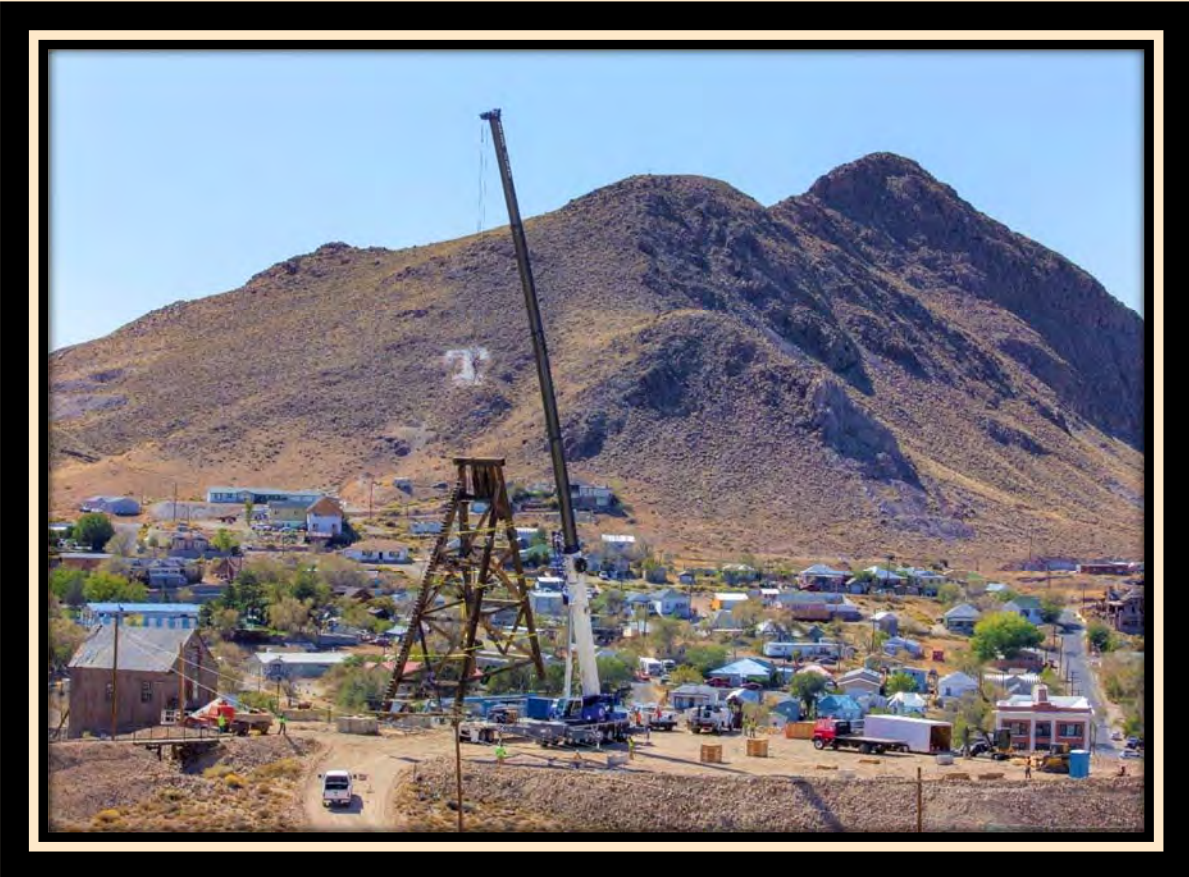
Simerson crew places tie-down straps on the Silver Top Headframe to keep the structure together when moving it.



A large crane is brought in to lift and move the Silver Top.



Metal support boxes were placed on the Silver Top Headframe for the crane to lift the structure.



The large crane begins to lift the Silver Top Headframe up into the air.

The large crane swings the Silver Top Headframe over to its temporary position.





Damage to the wooden Silver Top mine collar.



A hole that opened up outside of the Silver Top mine collar.



Inspecting damage to the Silver Top mine collar.



Silver Top mine collar after repairs.



Stretch repairing the Silver Top mine collar.



Expandable foam was placed around the Silver Top mine collar to prevent it from reopening on the sides, and then covered back up with dirt and rocks.





A new concrete foundation has been poured and the Silver Top Headframe will be placed back on new foundation.



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