

UTAH INTERNATIONAL
Quartzville

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**Mining company leases
1,260 acres at Quartzville**

A mining company based in San Francisco has leased 1,260 acres of mining claims near Quartzville from a Sweet Home man who said the company is interested in the area's gold potential.

Rowe Munts leased the 63 claims of 20 acres each to the Utah International Mining Co. He would not discuss the lease fee or duration of the leases, or the potential value of the claims.

"That's confidential information. If Utah wants to tell you, fine," he said Wednesday.

M.J. Young, head of North American exploration for Utah International, could not be reached for comment on

the company's plans.

Munts said he has held the hardrock claims for 10 years.

He contacted several mining companies, he said, and Utah International was the first to show interest in the properties' gold value.

Munts has done the assessment work on the land but hasn't mined the claims.

"We intended to, but we couldn't get the financing," he said.

According to Jerry Gray of the state Department of Geology, Utah International is a large exploration firm "in the business of mining coal and a whole bunch of other minerals."