

End of mine rescue efforts appears near

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HUNTINGTON, Utah -- Rescue efforts at a Utah mine where six miners are trapped could soon end if the latest attempt proves fruitless, the mine's co-owner said Wednesday. Crandall Canyon mine co-owner Bob Murray said that if the latest planned effort doesn't reveal some sign that the miners may be alive after two weeks underground, the mine may be closed and the planning for a fitting honorarium will begin, CNN reported. "We're already discussing how we might ... honor the trapped miners and make this a site for perpetuity," Murray said. Yet Murray wouldn't rule out the possibility that the miners survived the mine's collapse and that the final attempt could give new hope to the frustrated rescuers. "We're going to keep going until we run out of options -- but it's certainly looking dim," he said. A fifth hole was drilled Wednesday into the underground location rescuers had hoped the miners had become trapped in but no signs of life have been reported. CNN said rescuers plan to begin drilling a sixth hole in their pursuit to locate the miners.

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