

# Smooth Rock Launches 2026 Exploration Program on the Giroux Project

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Vancouver, April 16, 2026 - [Smooth Rock Ventures Corp.](#) (TSXV: SMRV) (OTC Pink: SMRVF) ("Smooth Rock" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the launch of its 2026 exploration program on the Giroux Project, strategically positioned within Nevada's prolific Walker Lane shear zone.

The 2026 program is building off the Company's previously successful exploration programs (see news release 05-20-2020) that returned up to 1% Ni (Nickel), 23.5 g/t Au (Gold), 7.67% Cu (Copper) and 9.87 g/t Ag (Silver) from three outcrops and an old mine dump, respectively. Historical regional sampling programs by previous operators further confirmed the property's merit, with prior geophysical surveys on the Property, indicating several potential drill targets.

The 2026 Giroux exploration program will consist of reconnaissance prospecting, detailed geological mapping, surface trenching, systematic sampling, and the relocation of numerous historical workings. This reconnaissance program will provide accurate modern data to assist in the planning of an initial drill program, bringing Giroux one step closer to realizing its resource potential.

"In today's resurgent natural resource markets, the timing couldn't be better to re-ignite exploration at Giroux," said Michael Ruggles, President & CEO of Smooth Rock. "This property delivered past significant results, only to be hampered by COVID-19 and prolonged market headwinds forcing us to pause. Now, with the multiple high-value minerals at surface, a rich history of past workings, and a premier location within Nevada's Walker Lane trend, we are moving decisively to accelerate our exploration programs and unlock what we believe is a truly exceptional asset."

## About the Giroux Property

The Giroux Project consists of 12 patented claims and 36 unpatented mining claims covering a combined area of 390 hectares (965 acres), located 60 miles south southeast of Hawthorne, Nevada less than 1 mile off a main state highway with easily accessible year-round access.

At its core sits the past producing Giroux Mine, documented as one of only two high grade nickel-producing mines in Nevada's history, with reported production dating to the late 1800s (Mining Districts and Mineral Resources of Nevada, Lincoln, 1923). Historical production of copper, silver, gold, zinc, and barite also exist on the property. The Giroux property contains numerous historical workings, including multi-level vertical shafts, adits at multiple sub-levels, open pits, and existing road infrastructure.

Seven miles east from the Giroux Project, along the same geological trend and in similar host rock is the past producing Candelaria Mine, historically one of the largest open-pit silver mines in the history of Nevada, producing silver, gold, zinc, copper, lead antimony, and barite. The Giroux Project is located near past producing mines such as Marietta, Moho, Camp Douglas and Candelaria. The property has been privately held throughout its history. There are no work commitments subject to any portion of the property.

The scientific and technical content and interpretations contained in this news release have been reviewed, verified and approved by Gregory C. Ferdock, M.Sc., Q.P., C.P.G., a consultant of the Company, and an independent Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

## About Smooth Rock Ventures Corp.

Smooth Rock Ventures Corp. is a US-based exploration-stage company engaged in the acquisition and

exploration of mineral properties, primarily in the prolific Walker Lane trend, in Nevada. The Company flagship asset is an 100% undivided interest in the Palmetto Gold Project, consisting of 116 unpatented mining claims totalling 2217 acres in Esmeralda County, Nevada. The Project hosts a NI 43-101 compliant mineral resource estimation (WSP Canada Inc. McCracken 10-15-2020). Palmetto has benefitted from significant exploration by several major operators over the years, including, Newmont Gold, [Phelps Dodge Corp.](#), Romarco Minerals, and most recently by ML Gold Corp. The initial "Discovery Hole" was drilled by Phelps Dodge in 1988, with bonanza gold-silver veins subsequently drilled by Romarco Minerals between 1997 and 2002.

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