



Coeur d'Alene Basin Proposed Plan Available for Public Review

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Documents / Information Recently Added To The Information Repositories

Final Feasibility Study Report – October 2001

Coeur d'Alene Basin Proposed Plan – October 29, 2001

Proposed Plan for Coeur d'Alene Basin Cleanup Released

The Proposed Plan for cleanup of mine waste contamination in the Coeur d'Alene River Basin is available for public review and comment as of October 29, 2001.

EPA is accepting written comments on the Proposed Plan for 30 days, from October 29, 2001 through November 28, 2001. EPA will extend the comment period an additional 30 days upon request. If the comment period is extended, comments will be accepted through December 28, 2001. EPA will publish a notification if the comment period is extended. In addition, you may provide oral or written comments on the Proposed Plan at the four public meetings (see News Briefs Upcoming Events for times and places).

EPA Website Revision

EPA's Coeur d'Alene Basin website has just undergone revisions for increased ease of access to all information. It can be found at:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/cda>

Please take a moment to visit the site and contact Marianne Deppman at 206-553-1237 with any comments or suggestions.

Coeur d'Alene Basin News Briefs Revision

The Coeur d'Alene Basin News Briefs is undergoing revision as well, to make it the most effective tool it can be for all. Please contact Pamela Moore at 206-438-2236 with any comments or suggestions.

Other Agency / Entity Contacts and Highlights**Bureau of Land Management**

Contact: David Fortier, 208-769-5050

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Contact: Phillip Cerner, 208-667-4119

Panhandle Health District

Contact: Jerry Cobb, 208-783-0707

The Summer 2001 Blood Lead Screening at the Bunker Hill Superfund Site (Box) and in the Coeur d'Alene River Basin (Basin) is now complete.

A total of 322 children ages 6 months through 9 years of age were tested in the Box. The door to door survey results show that 10 children or 3% of the number tested had a blood lead level of 10 μ /dl or greater, and 4 children or 1% had a level of 15 μ /dl or greater. Five percent of the children tested in 2000 had a blood lead level of 10 μ /dl or greater.

The lead level of concern identified by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention for Young Children and Pregnant women is 10 μ /dl.

A total of 117 children, ages 6 month through 6 years of age were tested in the Basin. The "fixed site" screening offered in Osburn and at the Canyon School, identified 7 children or 6% with a lead level of 10 μ /dl or greater and 2 children or 2% with 15 μ /dl or greater.

The number of children identified with an elevated blood lead level in both the Box and the Basin is down from last year.

The reductions in blood lead levels in area children for both the Box and the Basin is good news.

Private Land Owners / Managers

Contact: Frank Frutche, 208-682-2077

We had another excellent crop again this year, from the Mission Flats area owned by the Mine Owners' Association, just north of the old mission along I-90. We averaged a ton of hay per acre, which, in this drought year, is rather astounding. This is the area onto which dredge spoils were pumped over a 30-year period. Soil test results from 2500 samples in

this area are due in from the University of Idaho by the end of the month.

Silver Valley Natural Resource Trustees

Contact: Marti Calabretta, 208-660-1146

State of Idaho**Department of Environmental Quality**

Contact: Rob Hanson, 208-373-0290

Contact: Nick Zilka, 208-783-5781

Contact: Geoff Harvey, 208-769-1422

State of Washington Department of Ecology

Contact: John Roland, 509-625-5182

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Contact: Dan Audet, 509-893-8001

United States Forest Service

Contact: Jeff Johnson, 208-765-7442

Our work with the USGS to characterize the impacts of many of our small mines in the Prichard and Beaver Creek Drainages is wrapping up. We are about to release an Engineering Evaluation / Cost Analysis (EECA) for our first removal action in the Prichard Creek Drainage. The removal action is planned to take place at the Paragon Mine and Mill site next summer and will address 15,000 cubic yards of contaminated Jig Mill tailings along the Thompson Pass Highway several miles upstream of Murray.

United States Geological Survey

Contact: Paul Woods, 208-387-1353

The Water Quality Monitoring Network in the Coeur d'Alene Basin has been started as of October 1, 2001. Twelve stations will be sampled through September 2002, which is two more than the ten sampled last year. We are sampling for stream flow, nutrients and metals. For more information call Paul Woods at 208-387-1353 or email at pfwoods@usgs.gov.

Upcoming Events**Coeur d'Alene River Basin Commission**

This meeting is currently being rescheduled. Please contact Geoff Harvey at 208-769-1422 for the new meeting date, time and place.

Upcoming Events (continued)

Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition

November 6th and 20th, 11:30 am to 1:30 p.m.
(Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.)

Brooks Hotel - 500 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID
Contact: Connie Fudge, 208-753-6022

Citizens Advisory Committee

November 7th, 7 to 9 p.m.

Rose Lake Historical Society Building –
Rose Lake, ID

Continue evaluation of the Coeur d'Alene Lake Management Plan, including Wastewater Management, Water Quality Standards, and Education. Introduction to the South Fork Sediment Sub-Basin Assessment.

Coeur d'Alene Basin Interagency Group

November 14th, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game - 2750
Kathleen Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Proposed Plan Formal Public Meetings:

Wallace High School

November 13th, 6 to 9 p.m.

401 River Street, Wallace, ID

Canyon Elementary School

November 14th, 6 to 9 p.m.

E. 27405 Schoolhouse Loop, Rose Lake, ID
(1.5 miles east of the Rose Lake exit off I-90)

Coeur d'Alene Inn

November 15th, 6 to 9 p.m.

414 W. Appleway, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Spokane Public Works Building

November 19th, 6 to 9 p.m.

County Commissioners Hearing Room
1026 W. Broadway, Spokane, WA
(next to the Spokane County Courthouse)