



Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission Underway

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- Wallace Public Library
- Harrison City Hall
- Spokane Public Library Downtown Branch

Basin Project Commission Update

The Basin Project Commission met July 9 in Kellogg. Bill Ross with Ross and Associates described the Memorandum of Agreement process that is underway to bring the Federal representative and the State of Washington representative to the Basin Commission. This Agreement will include, among other items, language to clarify the geographic scope of the Commission's activities, the roles and responsibilities of other regulatory agencies on clean-up actions, and identification of the advisory groups that may support the Commission.

The Commission discussed the formation of citizen and technical advisory groups. Recognizing the role that regulatory authorities have in the remedial design process, the Commission desires to solicit interest from the community for participation on these groups. To identify a pool of potential candidates for the advisory groups, the commissioners requested that staff prepare an expression of interest application form. A copy of the application form is included in this NewsBriefs and can be returned to:

EPA Administrator Will Visit the Basin

EPA's Administrator, Governor Christine Todd Whitman, will be visiting the Coeur d'Alene Basin on August 12th and 13th as part of a trip to the Northwest and Alaska. The Governor is looking forward to seeing the area and talking with people about EPA's work in the Basin. The schedule for her visit is being handled by staff in Washington D.C.

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Ross and Associates has also been employed as a neutral facilitator to assist in the formation of these advisory groups. Ross will help the groups define their membership rules, roles and operating procedures. The criteria and process for selecting members of these groups has not yet been defined.

The next meeting of the Commission will be on September 10, at 2:00 p.m., at the Kootenai County Courthouse in Coeur d' Alene.

[The information for this Basin Commission update was provided by Idaho Department of Environmental Quality]

State of Idaho Starts Yard Cleanups

Earlier this month, the State of Idaho began clean up at residential properties in Osburn and Wallace. The state tested about 100 yards earlier this year and is expecting to clean up 18 properties between now and mid-September. The majority of these cleanups are at high priority residences with young children or pregnant women.

This work builds on work done in previous years under EPA's removal program. The state has retained the services of three local contractors as part of its efforts to employ local labor during cleanup activities.

If you would like to sign up to have your property tested next year, call IDEQ in Kellogg at 208-783-5781.

Release of the ROD

EPA is still working on responding to the more than 3,000 public comments received on the Proposed Plan. We are also working to ensure we have concurrence from the various governments affected by the ROD. The ROD will be released when the responsiveness summary is complete and when we reach agreement with the governments.

Other Agency / Entity Contacts

Bureau of Land Management

Contact: David Fortier, 208-769-5022

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Contact: Phillip Cernera, 208-667-4119

Panhandle Health District

Contact: Jerry Cobb, 208-783-0707

Private Land Owners / Managers

Contact: Frank Frutchey, 208-682-2077

Spokane Tribe

Contact: Randy Connolly, 509-258-7709

Contact: Fred Kirschner, 509-924-0184

State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Contact: Rob Hanson, 208-373-0290

Contact: Geoff Harvey, 208-769-1422

Contact: Luke Russell, 208-783-5781

Contact: Nick Zilka, 208-783-5781

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

United States Geological Survey

Contact: Paul Woods, 208-387-1353

Upcoming Events

Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission

September 10, 2002 – 2:00 p.m.

Kootenai County Courthouse – Coeur d'Alene

Agenda: TBA

Contact: Luke Russell, 208-783-5781

Coeur d'Alene Basin Citizen Advisory Committee (CBCAC)

Summer Recess until further notice

Rose Lake Historical Society Building – Rose Lake

Please see CBCAC's website at www.cdabcac.org for meeting agendas, past meeting minutes, posted reports, readings and other valuable information.

Contact: Geoff Harvey, 208-769-1422

Coeur d'Alene Basin Interagency Group (CBIG)

September 11, 2002 – 8:30 a.m.

Idaho Department of Fish & Game,
Conference Room – Kathleen Ave., Coeur d'Alene

Agenda: Groundwater Work at Success Mill/Mine Site; Bird Feeding Study.

Contact: Jack Gunderman, 208-667-4119

Silver Valley People's Action Coalition

PO Box 362, Kellogg, ID 83837

Contact: Babara Miller, 208-784-8891

Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition (SNRC)

August 13, 2002 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

August 27, 2002 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Brooks Hotel – 500 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID

(Group meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month.)

Contact: Connie Fudge, 208-753-6022

Washington Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)

Board of Directors Meeting

August 12, 2002 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Spokane County Water Works Building
914 E. North Foothills Drive, Spokane

Members Meeting

August 21, 2002 – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Spokane County Library
4322 N. Argonne Road, Spokane

Agenda: TBA

Contact: Beth Hodgson, 509-534-6417



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Community Involvement and Outreach
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Coeur d'Alene Basin Environmental Improvement Commission Advisory Group Questionnaire

Name _____
Home Address _____
Company (if applicable) _____
Work Phone _____
Home Phone _____
E-Mail _____

Advisory Group in which you are willing to participate: (please circle)

Citizens Coordinating Council Technical Leadership Group

Amount of time you could commit to an advisory group? (please circle)

1-2/hrs/week 2-4 hrs/week 2-4 hrs/month Other

If you are interested in the Technical Leadership Group please provide the following additional information:

Professional/Personal Experience:

Educational Background:

Project Areas of Interest or Experience: (circle all that apply)

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| Water Treatment | Surface Water Quality |
| Ground Water Quality | Modeling |
| Monitoring Programs | Erosion Control and Slope Revegetation |
| Stream Bank Stabilization | Wetland Mitigation/Enhancement |
| Residential Human Health | Infrastructure (sewer, water, etc.) |
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| Public Relations | Fishery/Wildlife Management |
| Cultural Resources | |

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