



COEUR D'ALENE BASIN News Briefs

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Environmental Protection Agency Highlights

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Ecological Risk Assessment - Contact: Anne Dailey - (206) 553-2110

Feasibility Study - Contact: Mary Jane Nearman - (206) 553-6642

Removals - Contact: Earl Liverman - (208) 664-4858

EPA's web site is up and running. A primary purpose of the web page is to serve as an on-line information repository where you can access draft technical documents which are available for review and comment. Let us know if you aren't able to access the documents or if there are ways we can make the web site more useful. Web site address: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/cda>

EPA will release a fact sheet within the next month which will describe the current RI/FS schedule, major project milestones and documents to be released in the the next six months. The fact sheet will also describe how community members can get involved at each step along the way.

Results of the voluntary, call-in residential sampling program conducted this spring will be available to property owners by the end of June.

The Screening Level Risk Assessment conducted for recreational beaches on the Spokane River will be available in the next few weeks for review and comment both on our web site and at the information repositories.

Documents/Information recently added to the information repositories:

ATSDR's Health Consultation for Coeur d'Alene River Basin Common Use Areas (dated April 13, 2000)

ATSDR's Health Consultation for Coeur d'Alene River Basin Residential Areas (dated May 16, 2000)

Other Agency/Entity Contacts and Highlights

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

Silver Valley Natural Resource Trustees - Contact: Marti Calabretta - (208) 786-2471

State of Idaho - Contact: Rob Hanson (208) 373-0290 or Kathy Johnson (208) 783-5781. The draft Human Health Risk Assessment is expected to be publicly available July 17, 2000.

State of Washington Department of Ecology - Contact: John Roland - (509) 625-5182

United States Fish and Wildlife Service - Contact: Julie Campbell (509)891-0450

United States Forest Service - Contact: John Specht or Jeff Johnson - (208) 664-2318

United States Geological Survey - Contact: Paul Woods - (208) 387-1353

University of Idaho - Contact: Barbara Williams - (208) 885-9436

Calendar of Events

June 7th, 7 to 9 p.m.

Coeur d'Alene Basin Restoration Project Citizens' Advisory Committee. Canyon Elementary School, Rose Lake, ID. Agenda: North Fork Coeur d'Alene River WAG, Forest Management, and St. Joe River issues will be discussed.

June 13th, 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m.

Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition. Brooks Hotel (500 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID) Contact Connie Fudge, 208-753-6022 (group meets the second Tuesday of each month)

June 14th, 9 a.m. to Noon - TENTATIVE----

Coeur d'Alene Basin Interagency Group - please contact Jack Gunderman (667-4119) to confirm meeting location and agenda

June 15th, 7 to 9 p.m. --- TENTATIVE ---

Washington CAC. Washington Department of Ecology (4601 N. Monroe, Spokane, WA.) - contact Michele Nanni (509) 838-4912 for details. Agenda: How Washington State issues will be addressed in the Feasibility Study and the Spokane River Human Health Screening Level Risk Assessment.

July 5th, 7 to 9 p.m.

CAC RI/FS Task Force. Agenda and location to be announced.