



COEUR D'ALENE BASIN News Briefs

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Environmental Protection Agency Highlights

Human Health - Contact: Sean Sheldrake - (206) 553-1220

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

Chuck Clarke, EPA's Regional Administrator for Region 10 has recently accepted a position with the City of Seattle and will be resigning his position with EPA in mid-July. Chuck Findley, the current Deputy Regional Administrator will be acting Regional Administrator until further notice. Chuck Findley will plan a visit to the Basin within the next few months.

The Draft Final Screening Level Human Health Risk Assessment for Non-Residential Receptors, Spokane River, Washington is now available for public review and comment. The document can be accessed on EPA's web-site: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/cda>

Comments will be accepted until August 9, 2000. Written comments should be sent to: Sean Sheldrake, Project Manager, US Environmental Protection, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.

The Surface Transportation Board announced that it has issued a decision giving final approval to the Union Pacific Railroad to salvage its 71.5 mile Wallace Branch, and convert it to a recreational trail.

Yard removals and other cleanup actions are underway in residential areas in the upper Basin communities and cleanup at the Huggy Bear Daycare in Osburn is complete.

Other Agency/Entity Contacts and Highlights

Bureau of Land Management - Contact: David Fortier - (208)769-5022

Coeur d'Alene Tribe - Contact: Phillip Cerner - (208)667-4119

Panhandle Health District- Contact: Jerry Cobb - (208) 783-0707

The "Door to Door" blood lead screening within the Box will begin on July 5, 2000 and is expected to take 3-4 weeks. Blood lead screening for the Basin will follow, but will be conducted at two fixed locations.

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
Officials from the Washington departments of Ecology and Health and the Spokane Regional Health District have released a new fish advisory after concluding a study of upper Spokane River fish that were collected in 1999. Fish fillets and whole fish were analyzed for zinc, cadmium, and lead levels. An electronic copy of the advisory can be accessed at the following website:
http://www.wa.gov/ECOLOGY/tcp/sites/spo_riv/spo_riv.htm
Hard copies can be requested from the Spokane Regional Health District at 509-324-1560, or Washington Department of Ecology at 509-456-6360.

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

July 5th , 7 to 9 p.m.

CAC RI/FS Task Force. Rose Lake Historical Society Building. Human Health Risk Assessment, Ecological Risk Assessment, and Feasibility Study Schedule; NPL status; and Task Force sub-committees direction on agendas and workshops/meetings.

July 11th, 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)

July 27th , 7 to 9 p.m.

Washington CAC. Washington Department of Ecology (4601 N. Monroe, Spokane, WA.)
- contact Michele Nanni (509)838-4912 for details. Spokane River Screening Assessment.

August 9th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Coeur d'Alene River Basin Commission. Associated Logging Contractors Building,
Highway 95. Primary topic will be a review of the draft Human Health Risk Assessment.

August 9th, 9 a.m. to Noon

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

NOTE: The regularly scheduled meeting for the Coeur d'Alene Basin Restoration Project Citizen' Advisory Committee for August will not be held.