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Hello, Butte community members, leaders, and partners,

Summer is winding down – we hope it’s been a season of outdoor exploration and connection with family and friends. We’re checking in with some updates related to the cleanup in Butte, including project work at Grove Gulch, the next office hours session, and some helpful links. As always, please reach out to Molly (RPM), Emma (RPM), Matt (RPM), Jason (RPM), Katherine (CIC), Charles (CIC), or Mackenzie (CIC) with questions.

Grove Gulch Work Kickoff

EPA is excited to see work on the first of the BPSOU corridor projects outlined in the Consent Decree, Grove Gulch, start on August 5. The Grove Gulch project is designed to protect surface waters, like Blacktail Creek, by capturing stormwater runoff and contaminants resulting from historic mining operations. It is located immediately east of Lexington Street and south of I-90. EPA has confidence in the contractors and professionals carrying out the work at Grove Gulch and will provide robust oversight through the duration of the project. Cleanup is scheduled to be completed in December 2024 with revegetation work occurring after the spring thaw. For additional information on Grove Gulch, [please visit BPSOU.com](#). We appreciate everyone who came to the Open House and asked questions about the Grove Gulch design and future BPSOU projects.

Butte Priority Soils Operable Unit (BPSOU) Remedial Design/Remedial Action Progress Meeting (RDRA Progress Meeting)

The most recent publicly observable working RD/RA meeting took place on Tuesday, August 27. The next meeting will take place from 9-11 am on September 24 (link to join below). Joining information is always [available on our website](#) and is communicated to the Butte listserv in advance of the meeting. As a reminder, since these are working meetings, they are for observation only – any questions or comments should be submitted afterwards to the appropriate contact. The recordings for the June 25 and July 23 meetings, as well as other recent meetings, are available below.

Joining information for RD/RA meeting on September 24, 2024, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 264 538 652 537

Passcode: aiKzLd

Dial in by phone

+1 202-991-0477,,371447643# United States, Washington

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Phone conference ID: 371 447 643#

Recordings for the most recent RD/RA meetings are available using the links below.

- Butte Superfund Site Remedial Design/Remedial Action Progress Meeting (RDRA Progress Meeting) July 23, 2024: <https://youtu.be/JgMi9gVjfNE>
- Butte Superfund Site Remedial Design/Remedial Action Progress Meeting (RDRA Progress Meeting) June 25, 2024: <https://youtu.be/80pCzZvDQgc>
- Butte Superfund Site Remedial Design/Remedial Action Progress Meeting (RDRA Progress Meeting) May 21, 2024: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnUTzKy9fzU>
- Butte Superfund Site Remedial Design/Remedial Action Progress Meeting (RDRA Progress Meeting) April 23, 2024: https://youtu.be/gDQ5_Gu8V8A

Office Hours

BPSOU RPMs Emma Rott and Molly Roby will be available for office hours on **Tuesday, September 10 from 3:30-5:00 pm** at the Butte Silver Bow Readiness Center. Come chat about recent projects, get your questions answered, and learn about all the activity taking place in Butte. Note that as decisions about lead, repository siting, and others are made, the team will be available for additional office hours to support the community. If there are any recommendations for improving office hours, please reach out to Mackenzie, Charles or Katherine with those suggestions.

Lead (Pb) update

EPA continues to develop a Proposed Plan to implement a new lead cleanup level for the BPSOU based on the 2024 residential soil lead guidance. Much progress has been made over the past month, and EPA is eager to share the Proposed Plan once it is finalized. When the Proposed Plan is released, there will be an opportunity for the public to provide comments. We will keep the Butte community updated as there is more information to share, but anticipate providing an update on the new cleanup level and the public comment period in the near future.

Westside Soils

The draft Remedial Investigation (RI) final report for the Westside Soils operable unit (WSSOU) has been reviewed by MT DEQ and is with EPA. The Site team continues to work on the Feasibility Study (FS) with hopes of having it completed later in 2024. Progress updates will be provided over the coming months.

Helpful Links

[EPA Superfund Site Profile Page](#)

[RMAP information](#)

[BPSOU.com](https://www.bpsou.com)