

# Silver Bow Creek / Butte Area

## Five Year Review

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**The Draft Five-Year Review Report is available to the public at:**

**EPA Montana Office  
10 West 15th Street,  
Suite 3200  
Helena, MT 59626**

**And:**

**EPA Butte Office  
155 W. Granite  
Butte, MT 59701**

**And:**

**[http://www.epa.gov/  
region8/superfund/  
mt/sbcbutte](http://www.epa.gov/region8/superfund/mt/sbcbutte)**

### **What is a Five Year Review?**

The five-year review is a regular EPA checkup on a Superfund site.

### **What is the purpose of the five-year review?**

The five-year review is conducted to determine whether cleanup actions are functioning as designed and whether cleanup levels remain protective.

### **What is the process of the five-year review?**

The five-year review process involves notifying interested parties that a review of the protectiveness of the remedy is occurring. A review team is established to obtain and examine relevant data and documents concerning the site. The team conducts site inspections and interviews and later makes a protectiveness determination. A report is prepared including recommendations and findings.

### **Third five-year review for the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area site**

This review covered activities conducted from January 2005 through December 2009. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8 conducted the review with input from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The Draft Five-Year Review Report is now available for comment.







The review took over a year to complete and included over one hundred interviews. The team reviewed hundreds of technical plans, reports, and other documents that had been prepared for the site over the last five years. Several public meetings were conducted to keep the public engaged in the process.

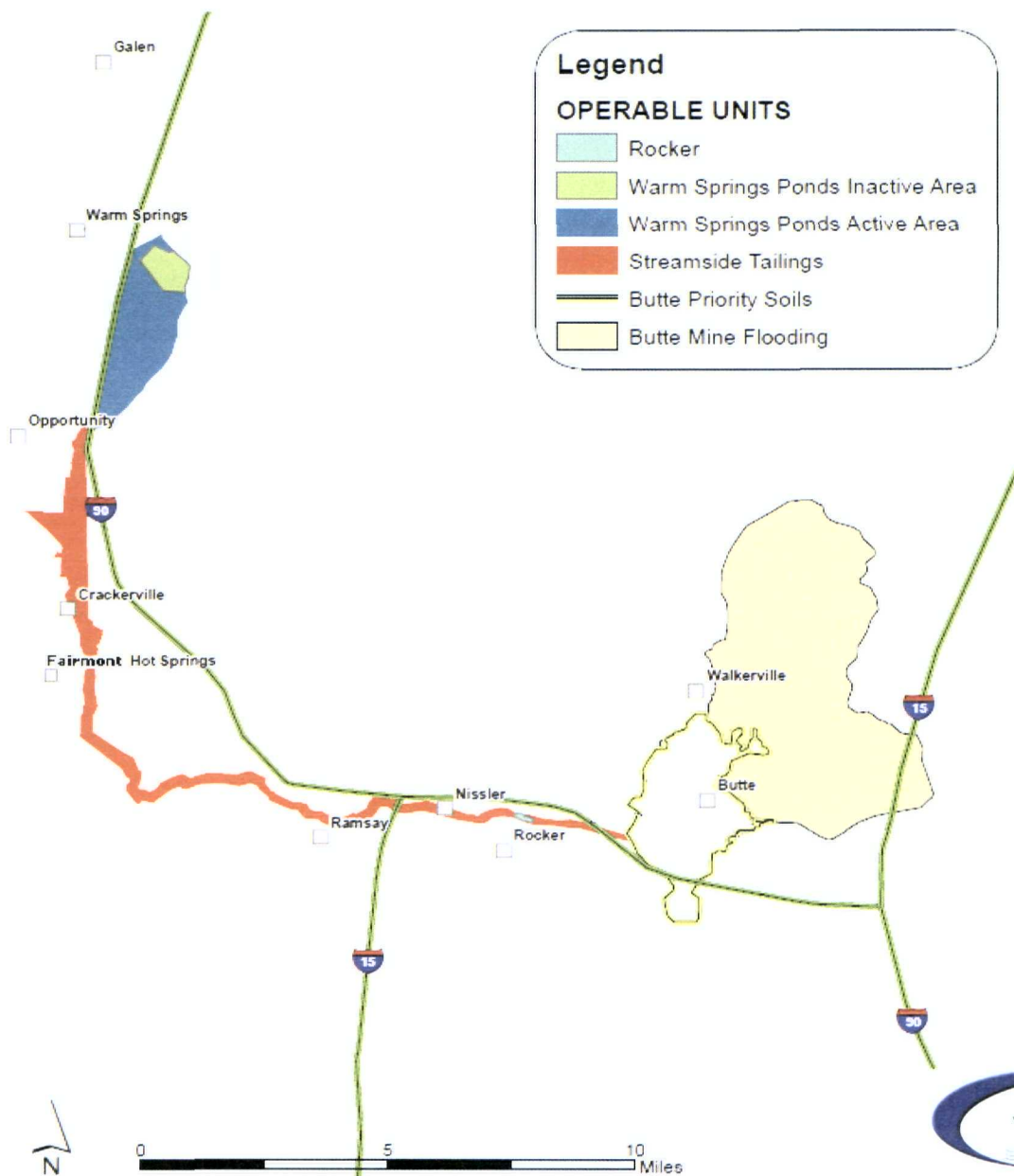
The purpose of the five-year review is to determine whether the implemented remedies at the Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area Superfund Site are protective of human health and the environment. The methods, findings, and conclusions of such reviews are documented in five-year review reports. Six of the operable units were included in this five year review (see location map on back).



### Legend

#### OPERABLE UNITS

-  Rocker
-  Warm Springs Ponds Inactive Area
-  Warm Springs Ponds Active Area
-  Streamside Tailings
-  Butte Priority Soils
-  Butte Mine Flooding



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