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Coeur d'Alene Basin Cleanup Canyon Creek Basin Summer 2019 Fieldwork



Construction to Begin on New Canyon Complex Repository/Waste Consolidation Area

The week of June 24, crews working for the Coeur d'Alene Work Trust (Trust) will start to build the new Canyon Complex Repository/Waste Consolidation Area (CCR/WCA). The site is in the Canyon Creek area, near Wallace. EPA held a comment period and open house in spring 2017 to ask for public comments on the repository design and location. In summer 2017, EPA selected the location based on community input and design considerations. Based on community comments, EPA and the Trust changed the orientation of the CCR/WCA to the north instead of to the east. This design allows hauling to bypass the Woodland Park community and adds capacity for 8 more acres.

Crews will move about 600,000 cubic yards of waste from the nearby Silver Valley Natural Resource Trustee repository. They will expand the footprint to the north so that mine waste can be added from Canyon Creek cleanups. The new WCA will have capacity for up to 1.5 million cubic yards of mine waste.

Work will take place between 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. No roads closures will be necessary.

This summer's work on the new Canyon Complex Repository/Waste Consolidation Area will wrap up at the end of August. Overall construction is expected to finish in 2021.



Tamarack Mine #7 Study to Begin in July

The week of July 8, an investigation will begin at the old Tamarack #7 mine site. Design investigations will include sampling the adits and collecting soil samples from borings and test pits. Work will take place between 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Trust expects work on Tamarack #7 will finish by September 2.



Keeping Cleaned-Up Areas Clean: Remedy Protection Projects

To protect previously installed human health barriers, two remedy protection projects will be constructed in the Canyon Creek drainage during 2019. These projects keep cleaned-up areas clean. Improvements will help protect people and the environment by reducing erosion and contamination from storm water runoff, tributary flooding, and heavy rain and snowmelt. Work hours are 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Gem Area Remedy Protection Project

Beginning in late summer, the CDA Work Trust will upgrade an existing inlet for a drainage, about 3.5 miles up Burke Road from I-90. A pipe will be installed under Burke Road to reach Canyon Creek. Burke Road will be limited to one lane for about one day as the pipe is installed.



Hecla Star Complex Site Study Resumes Late July

The second phase of investigations at the old Hecla Star site, near the town of Burke, resumes the week of July 22. The CDA Work Trust began the study last summer, and anticipates this next phase will wrap up in August. The investigation will build on earlier site studies, and will help answer questions about the extent of contamination at the site. Crews will sample surface and deep soils from borings and test pits and dig new groundwater wells. You will notice some large trucks and drilling equipment on the site that can be noisy at times. The highway will remain open; however, you may experience short-term traffic delays. Work hours are Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Star Parking Area Remedy Protection Project

Beginning in late summer, the CDA Work Trust will build a new storm drain system near the old Hecla Star site. The project will help prevent contamination from running off the site. The project is located in the area Shoshone County uses to store snow, and at the parking area across Burke Road, used as a school bus turn-around. The road will be limited to one lane for 3-4 days while two pipes are installed beneath Burke Road. Much of the parking area will be paved when construction is complete.



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We know that this work poses an inconvenience to residents. Thank you for your patience while we complete these projects. Please contact us if you have concerns.