



# Sites in Reuse

## Silver Valley Former Mining Properties

Silver Valley, Smeltonville, Idaho 83837



Images from left to right: Resort development, neighborhoods and recreation areas at the site.

**Site Name:** Bunker Hill Mining & Metallurgical Complex Superfund Site

**Size:** 1,500 square miles and 166 river miles

**Existing Site Infrastructure:** All major utilities are available.

**Current Site Uses:** Several site areas offer reuse potential for commercial, industrial, public service, residential and recreational uses. Many reuses are already in place on the Bunker Hill Box portion of the site.

**Use Restrictions:** The site's unique and comprehensive institutional control program (ICP) protects public health and incentivizes local lenders to fund redevelopment projects.

### SETTING:

- The area, located in northern Idaho, is one of the largest historic mining districts in the world.
- There are several areas that will offer reuse opportunities in the future, including the 200-acre Central Impoundment Area, the 25-acre Government Gulch, the 30-acre Slag Pile Area, Smeltonville Flats, Forested Hillside areas and other repositories.
- The Bunker Hill Box portion of the site currently supports a wide range of commercial, industrial, public service, residential and recreational reuses.
- These reuses include the Silver Mountain Resort, the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes scenic bike trail and extensive ecological restoration.
- EPA is working with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to evaluate reuse opportunities and plan for future redevelopment of these areas.

### REMEDIAL STATUS:

- Commercial mining for lead, zinc, silver and other metals began in the Silver Valley in 1883. Over 100 years of commercial mining, milling and smelting contaminated soil, sediment, groundwater and surface water with metals.
- EPA added the site to the Superfund program's National Priorities List in 1983. Residential, community and smelter-area cleanups have been ongoing since then.
- Extensive cooperation and collaboration among EPA, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the Idaho Panhandle Health District, and other local and state agencies have made reuse and redevelopment possible, resulting in the cleanup and restoration of over 7,000 properties to date.

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