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*Recreation Area Cleanup
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The Record of Decision for the Coeur D'Alene Bunker Hill Operable Unit 3 indicates EPA's intention to clean up 10 recreation areas along the Washington portion of the Spokane River, as well as an area upstream of the Upriver Dam. Recently, EPA, in coordination with the Washington State Department of Ecology, has investigated two recreation areas -- Starr Road and Island Complex -- and is developing a cleanup plan for metals, mainly lead and arsenic, for these areas. The plan seeks to protect human health.



EPA, Ecology to Clean Two Spokane River Recreation Areas — Learn More April 14

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington Department of Ecology are making plans to clean up two contaminated areas along the Spokane River. The Starr Road and Island Complex areas are popular public recreation spots. These areas are located about 2.5 miles west of the Idaho State line, near I-90. Both shoreline areas are contaminated with lead, arsenic, and other mining-related materials. Cleanup will begin this summer as part of the Coeur d'Alene Basin Superfund project.

To protect human health and the environment at the Starr Road area, EPA proposes to dig out a 12-inch thickness of contaminated shoreline material. EPA would replace this material with clean material. On Island Complex, EPA plans to make a clean path for recreation users by placing a fabric barrier and six inches of gravel over the existing path. Upland banks of Island Complex

will be stabilized to keep contaminated material out of the river. EPA will create a new parking area for users of these recreational areas. Materials removed from Starr Road and Island Complex will be placed in that parking area and covered with a protective barrier of special fabric and 12 inches of crushed rock.

The agencies will talk about these plans and answer questions at the April 14 Washington Citizens Advisory Committee. The meeting is open to the public. It will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Gonzaga University's Law School, Barbieri Courtroom, 721 N Cincinnati St. (NW of Trent & Hamilton), Spokane. Watch soon for more information about these cleanups at <http://Yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/cda> and <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/>.

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