



# Keeping Cleaned Up Areas Clean: Remedy Protection Work Continues in Local Communities

Coeur d'Alene Basin Cleanup UPDATE

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Crews are busy this summer doing work designed to protect earlier cleanups around the Silver Valley.

- **Remedy protection** is about protecting cleaned up areas in the community from recontamination.
- **A Remedy** is the action taken to protect human and environmental health.

The upgrades to local infrastructure help protect private and public property from flooding and stormwater runoff damage. Local jurisdictions will maintain the installed structures so they continue to provide flood protection in the future. Local jurisdictions are also especially involved with planning and public outreach.

The overall effort is collaborative. A big **thank you** to the local jurisdictions, mayors, work crews, property owners, impacted businesses, and so many others. We know the work sometimes causes inconvenience for residents. It can be noisy, dusty, and disruptive. Thank you for your cooperation and your patience.

## Shields Gulch



Crews started work last year to help protect past cleanup work in this area and are almost finished. Workers built a new creek channel behind Silver Hills Elementary next to I-90. They also replaced culverts under some roads. The work will help keep Shields Creek within its banks during floods. The goal is to help prevent sediments from washing onto clean properties and causing re-contamination. Crews also remediated the old tennis court in back of the school. Work on school grounds took place when school was not in session. Last year, workers installed a fence, did some excavation for the new channel, completed a bridge cleanout and more. The Coeur d'Alene

Trust, Department of Environmental Quality and EPA coordinate this and other remedy protection projects with local jurisdictions and property owners. This project is funded by settlement money.

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## Meyer Creek

Construction to protect completed cleanup work in Osburn began this summer.

The project is designed to reroute Meyer Creek in an underground pipe system located in the public right-of-way through the city. The new system has a larger capacity than the existing pipe to help prevent recontamination of cleaned up properties. Workers will install 3,200 lineal feet of piping, eleven manholes and two new inlet structures. They are also modifying existing utility lines (i.e., water, sanitary sewer, gas, etc). Work should be complete before winter.

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## Kellogg's Portland Road

DEQ has completed design work to determine how to address 'overland flow' along upper Portland Road and nearby steep hillsides in Kellogg. When water flows over the land here, it can leave contaminated sediments behind. The agency designed the work to reduce the potential for people to be exposed to contaminants in the long term.

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## Little Pine Creek



DEQ will begin work this fall on upgrades to Little Pine Creek in Pinehurst. Work would affect the creek along "D" Street, a short distance into the south end of Pinehurst Golf Course — and through the Shoshone County Park. The project will reduce overtopping the banks during high water and the risk of recontamination. Some channel excavation will occur. Culverts and bridges that are too small will be reconfigured and replaced. Also, crews will armor portions of the channel in residential areas where it is very confined.

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