

Gold Knob Prospects a.k.a. Saddle Rock Park



Comments accepted:

February 18, 2021 – March 19, 2021

Submit comments:

Online:

<http://tcp.ecology.commenting.net.com/?id=dWt6x>

Or by mail:

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Site info:

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=11610>

Facility Site ID: 22496
Site Cleanup ID: 11610

Document review locations:

Due to circumstances beyond control and public health and safety concerns, Ecology cannot offer in-person review options. Documents are currently available electronically at the Gold Knob Prospects cleanup site website at the site info link above.

Phase 2 Interim Remedial Action Preliminary Design Report Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Phase 2 Interim Remedial Action (IRA) Preliminary Design Report at the Gold Knob Prospects site, also known as Saddle Rock Park, located at 1200 Circle Street in Wenatchee.

An Interim Action is a partial or short-term cleanup of contamination while a long-term cleanup plan is worked on. A Phase 1 area consisted of four waste rock piles located in the lower part of Saddle Rock Park. Cleanup of the Phase 1 area was completed in 2019. The Phase 2 area consists of one waste rock pile in the upper part of Saddle Rock Park.

The preliminary design for the cleanup of the Phase 2 area has been prepared by the City of Wenatchee's Engineering Consultant and is available for review and comment. Ecology is asking for your comments on this report.

You are invited to:

- Review the *"Phase 2 Interim Remedial Action Preliminary Design Report – Saddle Rock Park, Wenatchee, Washington"* dated January 4, 2021
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration.

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Site Background

In the late 1800s until 1989, several areas of Saddle Rock Park were prospected for gold. Prospecting exploration resulted in the creation of waste rock piles.

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These waste rock piles have high concentrations of arsenic, mercury, selenium, and silver. The site includes hiking trails to Saddle Rock Summit above Wenatchee and are popular among recreational hikers and horseback riders.

Why This Interim Remedial Action Matters?

The arsenic and metals in soil exceed state standards for protection of human health and the environment. Cleanup will improve conditions at the site and reduce the risk of exposure to contaminants.

What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and respond to comments received during the comment period. Ecology will hold a public meeting if requested by 10 or more people. Cleanup plans for the Phase 2 (upper area) waste rock piles will proceed. Cleanup of the waste rock piles is anticipated to occur in 2021.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement, such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>.

Gold Knob Prospects a.k.a. Saddle Rock Park Site Map

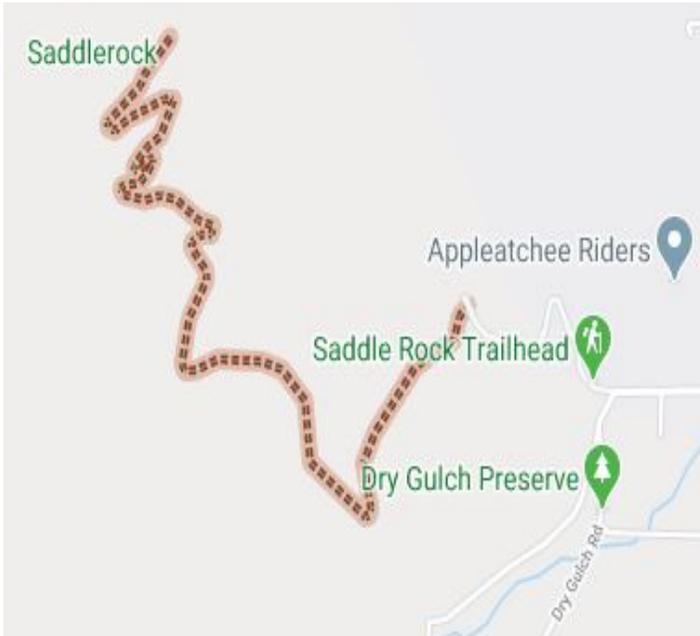


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See inside for site information and details on how to comment.

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