

2008 Public Participation Plan

Cleanup Overview

The 2008 phase of cleanup includes: 1) installation of a Hydraulic Control and Containment (HCC) barrier between the BNSF railroad property and Railroad Ave; 2) relocation of three buildings in town (the Whistling Post, McEvoy house and the BNSF Depot) and excavation of contaminated materials from the property under and around those buildings; 3) return of buildings to their original locations and restoration of those properties; 4) installation of the community wastewater treatment system infrastructure (a separate town process but must be integrated with the cleanup construction).

In October 2007, Ecology presented the final Consent Decree, which included the Cleanup Action Plan, and the Supplemental EIS. BNSF and Ecology also presented the draft Engineering Design Report (EDR) explaining the technical details of the work scheduled for the 2008 construction season.

Since the Consent Decree was signed, BNSF and Ecology continue to meet with the town and individually with residents and businesses that will be relocated as part of the 2008 cleanup activities. During these meetings, BNSF and Ecology are coordinating a relocation and construction process that best meets the needs of all affected parties. Further, BNSF and Ecology will hold meetings with the whole Skykomish community to present construction plans, receive community comments, and will work with the community to ensure the 2008 cleanup work goes forward as smoothly as possible.

Public Participation Tools in 2008

Skykomish residents and other interested parties will need to be informed of and involved with a variety of activities and events throughout this year. The 2008 activities include cleanup planning, relocation coordination with affected residents, construction communications during intense construction periods, and restoration activities after major construction operations are completed. The key public participation tools are outlined below.

1. Relocation Coordination

In late 2007 and early 2008, BNSF and Ecology began coordinating with residents and businesses that will be relocated during the 2008 construction season. The following tools are being used to create specific relocation plans.

Relocation Arrangements

BNSF and Ecology are working with individual property owners to ensure that relocation planning is a fair and equitable process. Residents and businesses that will be relocated will receive a packet detailing the relocation procedures, frequently asked questions, and other documents to assist with relocation planning. BNSF

and Ecology will also have several relocation meetings individually with each property owner to ensure that relocation plans meet their needs.

Issue Workshops – Relocation

BNSF and Ecology may also meet with residents and business that will be relocating in the 2008 season, as well as other significantly impacted parties, to ensure that cleanup plans and relocation sequences meet the needs of the group as well as individual property owners.

2. Construction Communications

Major construction activities will occur on site primarily during the late spring and summer of 2008. Ecology and BNSF will coordinate closely with the community, the Town of Skykomish, and with individual residents, to ensure that construction impacts are minimized to the extent possible and to keep all residents and visitors informed of construction activities. The following tools are particularly useful in this phase of the project.

Onsite Staffing

Ecology and BNSF staff will frequently be onsite while construction is underway.

Posted Notices – Weekly Updates

Construction updates will be posted regularly (usually once each week) for residents and visitors. These notices detail the current cleanup and construction activities.

Posted Notices – Large Placard

A large sign providing basic cleanup information and including the weekly update fliers will be posted near the 5th Street Bridge.

Call Line

The 24-hour call line will be available to address questions or concerns that may arise during construction.

Community Meetings

Community meetings will be held to present information and update the community about planned construction activities. BNSF and Ecology will coordinate with residents, businesses, the Town of Skykomish and the Skykomish School to minimize construction impacts.

Town Council and School Board Meetings

Ecology and BNSF staff will attend Town Council and School Board meetings to announce major cleanup activities and coordinate any impacts on Town or school operations.

Mailings – Newsletter

BNSF and Ecology will produce a community newsletter that is distributed during

active cleanup. This newsletter informs residents and interested parties of cleanup plans and progress, answers residents' questions and announces upcoming community meetings or activities. This newsletter may be published monthly or as needed during active cleanup and construction.

Mailings – Fact Sheet

An updated fact sheet including construction information may be produced and distributed to the project mailing list.

Websites

The Skykomish Cleanup website, Ecology website, Ecology Site Register, and Town of the Skykomish website will all continue to be updated regularly to provide ongoing construction information to residents and visitors.

3. Restoration Activities

Individual Meetings

Prior to construction, Ecology and BNSF will meet individually with residents and business affected by the 2008 construction activities to determine how properties will be restored. After major construction activities are completed, Ecology and BNSF will continue coordinating with individual property owners to ensure that private property is properly restored.

Town Council Meetings

Prior to construction, Ecology and BNSF staff coordinate with the Town Council to determine how Town properties will be restored after construction is complete for 2008. After major construction activities are completed, BNSF and Ecology will continue coordinating with the Town to complete restoration.

4. Planning for 2009 Cleanup Activities

Beginning in the fall of 2008, Ecology and BNSF will begin planning cleanup activities for the 2009 construction season. Ecology and BNSF will consider the needs of the community and Town of Skykomish in this planning process. Tools for communication and participation include the following:

Community Meetings

A community meeting will be held in October to present the draft 2009 EDR and to share any significant changes to cleanup planning. Residents and businesses will be able to discuss the upcoming work with BNSF and Ecology to have their questions answered and express any concerns.

Individual Notifications

Businesses and property owners will be notified either by telephone or in person if further sampling work is needed on their property in order to forward cleanup planning.

Town Council and School Board Meetings

Cleanup staff will attend Town Council and School Board meetings throughout the planning phase. If requested, Ecology and BNSF will attend other meetings to provide information on specific topics or issues.

Mailings

Ecology and BNSF may distribute newsletters or fliers to inform residents of the progress in cleanup planning.

Schedule of Events 2008

Date	Time	Activity	Lead	Audience
On-going		Cleanup: Community group briefings	BNSF/Ecology	Community groups
January – May		Individual Meetings regarding access and relocation	BNSF/Ecology	Residents, businesses, and property owners who will be asked to relocate during 2008
February 4		These documents due: Draft Public Participation Plan for 2008; Draft Construction Plans and Specs (CPS); Draft Compliance Monitoring Plan (CMP); Final Master EDR and Final 2008 EDR	Ecology/BNSF	Skykomish community, Skykomish valley, agencies, elected officials, other interested parties and the general public
February/March		Public Update - newsletter or community meeting as needed	Ecology/BNSF	Skykomish community, Skykomish valley, agencies, elected officials, other interested parties and the general public
March 15		Final Public Participation Plan due for 2008	Ecology/BNSF	Skykomish community, Skykomish valley, agencies, elected officials, other interested parties and the general public

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March/April		Public Meeting for EDR, CPS, and PPP for 2008	Ecology/BNSF	Skykomish community, Skykomish valley, agencies, elected officials, other interested parties and the general public
May – October		Major construction activities	BNSF	Skykomish community
October		Public Scoping Meeting for work year 2009	Ecology/BNSF	Skykomish community, Skykomish valley, agencies, elected officials, other interested parties and the general public
September – December		Restoration activities	BNSF	Residents, businesses, and property owners who will be asked to relocate during 2008; Town of Skykomish
September – December		Planning 2009 construction activities	Ecology/BNSF	Residents, businesses, and property owners who will be asked to relocate during 2009
January – December		Planning and installation of Wastewater Treatment System	Town/Ecology - The Town has its own public involvement process	Skykomish community, Skykomish valley, agencies, elected officials, other interested parties and the general public