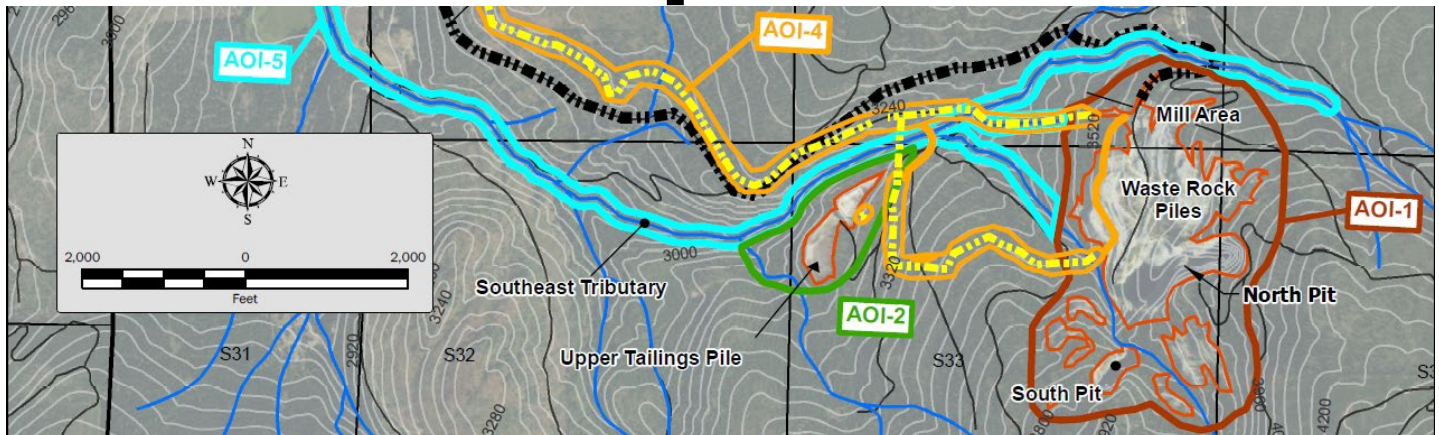


Van Stone Mine Cleanup Site



North Pit Lake is in contaminated area AOI-1.

Comments accepted:

12 a.m. August 21 –
11:59 p.m. October 24, 2025

Submit comments

Online:

[https://go.ecology.wa.gov/
CommentVanStone](https://go.ecology.wa.gov/CommentVanStone)

Mail:

Brendan Dowling, Site Manager
4601 N. Monroe St.
Spokane, WA 99205

Email:

Brendan.Dowling@ecy.wa.gov

Questions: 509-329-3611

Review documents

Online:

[https://go.ecology.wa.gov/
VanStone](https://go.ecology.wa.gov/VanStone)

In print:

Onion Creek School District
2006 Lotze Creek Road
Colville, WA 99114
Hours: M–F, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Call for appt.: 509-732-4240

Site info

Facility Site ID: 1554858
Cleanup Site ID: 461

Work beginning to lower the spillway at North Pit Lake

The Washington Department of Ecology is beginning work to lower the water level in North Pit Lake at the Van Stone Mine. The cleanup site is 24 miles northeast of Colville off Van Stone Road in the Onion Creek watershed. The goal of this part of the cleanup is to prevent dam failure at North Pit Lake. **We invite your comments on the plans for lowering the water level and improving the spillway.**

Public meeting

We are holding a public meeting to explain the water lowering and dam improvement process and answer your questions.

- **6 p.m., Wednesday, September 10, 2025**
- **Onion Creek School District, 2006 Lotze Creek Road, Colville**

Water lowering and dam improvement plans

The water in North Pit Lake is being slowly lowered by pumping it into Onion Creek. Arsenic is in the lake water at levels below drinking water standards, and we will be monitoring water quality as the water is pumped. We have done studies on Onion Creek's capacity and will ensure it does not flood. Construction work will occur between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Water pumping is ongoing 24 hours a day.

After the surface water level is about 30 feet lower, the earthen dam will be lowered and stabilized to prevent possible failure.

Next steps

Ecology will respond to all comments received during this public comment period.

After the dam improvement work is complete, we will continue with the rest of the cleanup. The remaining work will consolidate and cover contaminated material from mining and decrease steep slopes.

Toxics Cleanup Program
4601 N. Monroe St.
Spokane, WA 99205

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North Pit Lake dam improvement plans available for public comment

You are invited to review and comment on the plans to lower the water level in North Pit Lake and improve the dam spillway at the Van Stone Mine. The goal of this part of the cleanup is to prevent dam failure.

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ADA accessibility

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