# Appendix C. 2011 Activities

## Cleanup Overview

Cleanup work expected to begin in 2011 includes:

* Excavating the west end of the levee, including portions of Town and Shawver properties.\*
* Excavating in the Skykomish River at the 5th Street Bridge.
* Excavating LNAPL areas of the BNSF rail yard.
* Continue typical monitoring and sampling, and hydraulic control and containment (HCC) system operations.
* Continue Town and private property restoration.

\* Work in 2011 still subject to on-going access negotiations.

Cleanup work expected after 2011 includes:

* Begin cleanup under the Skykomish School.
* Complete restoration work at the Skykomish School and Town infrastructure.

Construction plans and schedule may be modified based on access, permits, and contractor decisions. Changes to the scope and/or schedule will be shared with property owners and the Skykomish community as early as possible. A public comment period will be held if changes to the scope or schedule require an amendment to the Consent Decree.

In October 2007, Ecology presented the final Consent Decree, which included the Cleanup Action Plan, and the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Amendments to the Consent Decree regarding cleanup schedule, wetlands cleanup and school cleanup alternatives were available for public comment and were finalized in the spring of 2009 and the summer of 2010. BNSF and Ecology also presented the draft Master Engineering Design Report (EDR) explaining the technical details of the overall cleanup work in Skykomish. BNSF and Ecology presented EDRs for calendar years 2008, 2009 and 2010. Due to a delay in Federal permits, some of the work described in the 2010 EDR was deferred to 2011. No further calendar year EDRs will be issued. Details related to the work under the Skykomish School are being negotiated with the School Board and will be presented for public review and comment when the final remedy is selected.

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 cleanup activities. During these meetings, BNSF and Ecology are coordinating a relocation and construction process that best meets the needs of all affected parties. It should be noted that in 2011, minimal relocation of residents and businesses is expected. Therefore, coordination with individual property owners will be significantly less than in previous years of cleanup.

BNSF and Ecology will hold community meetings as needed to present construction plans and receive community comments, and will work with the community to ensure the cleanup work proceeds in a workable manner.

## Public Participation Tools

Skykomish residents and other interested parties will be informed of and involved with a variety of activities and events during the remainder of the cleanup. Activities include cleanup planning, coordination with affected residents, construction communications, and restoration activities after construction operations are completed. The key public participation tools are outlined below.

### **1. Relocation Coordination**

In fall/winter 2010, BNSF and Ecology began coordinating with residents whose belongings will be temporarily relocated during the 2011 construction season.

### **2. Construction Communications**

Construction activities are planned to occur on site primarily during the late spring and summer of 2011. Ecology and BNSF will coordinate closely with the community, the Town of Skykomish, and with individual residents as necessary, to ensure that construction impacts are minimized to the extent possible and to keep 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 be onsite when needed for direct coordination with residents or businesses.

#### Posted Notices – Large Placard

A large sign providing basic cleanup information will be posted at a visible location in Town.

#### Posted Notices – Additional Signage

During major traffic revisions, additional signage directing visitors into town and to local businesses may be utilized. Directional signs may be used to supplement contractor construction signage. BNSF and Ecology may also make informational displays from community meetings available for viewing at Town Hall or other appropriate locations.

#### 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 when necessary to present information and update the community about planned construction activities. Community meetings may also be held to gather input from community members about specific construction plans and impacts.

#### Town Council and School Board Meetings

Ecology and BNSF staff will attend Town Council and School Board meetings when necessary 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, announces upcoming community meetings or activities and provides project contact information. This newsletter will be published as needed during active cleanup and construction.

#### Web sites

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

### **3. Restoration Activities**

#### Individual Meetings

Prior to and during 2011 construction, Ecology and BNSF will meet individually, when requested, with residents and businesses affected by construction activities. 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

Ecology and BNSF staff will continue to coordinate with the Town Council and/or assigned Town staff in accordance with final Town restoration plans.

### **4. Planning for 2012 Cleanup Activities**

As Ecology and BNSF further develop 2012 plans (anticipated to be only School-related work), they 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 2011 to discuss cleanup progress-to-date and 2012 cleanup work. 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 sampling work is needed on their property in order to forward cleanup planning.

#### Town Council and School Board Meetings

If requested, cleanup staff will attend Town Council and School Board meetings as necessary 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: 2011

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| **Date** | **Activity** | **Lead** | **Audience** |
| On-going | Community group briefings | Ecology/BNSF | Community groups |
| January – May | Individual meetings regarding access and relocation | BNSF | Residents whose structures/belongings will be relocated in 2011 |
| January 15 | Draft 2011 Construction Plans and Specs (CPS) | BNSF | Ecology and contractor review |
| February 26 | Draft 2011 Compliance Monitoring Plan (CMP) | BNSF | Ecology review |
| March/April | Public update – newsletter about plans for 2011 construction | Ecology/BNSF | Skykomish community, Skykomish valley, agencies, elected officials, other interested parties and the general public |
| March 31 | Final 2011 CPS and CMP due | Ecology/BNSF | Ecology and contractor review |
| April – November | Restoration activities | BNSF | Residents, businesses, property owners, Town of Skykomish, Skykomish School |
| May | Pending March 1 receipt of JARPA for in-river work, construction activities begin | BNSF | Skykomish community |
| October | Public meeting for work year 2012 | Ecology/BNSF | Skykomish community, Skykomish valley, agencies, elected officials, other interested parties and the general public |
| January – December | Continued work on the Town of Skykomish Wastewater Treatment System (as needed) | Town (has own public involvement process) | Skykomish community, Skykomish valley, agencies, elected officials, other interested parties and the general public |