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Comments accepted:

June 10, 2019 – July 10, 2019

Submit comments:

Online:

<http://cs.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=gNsEK>

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Site info:

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

Facility Site ID: 22496

Site Cleanup ID: 11610

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Interim 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 Interim Action Preliminary Design Report for the Gold Knob Prospects a.k.a. Saddle Rock Park, located at 1200 Circle Street in Wenatchee.

An Interim Action is a partial or short-term cleanup of contamination.

A Preliminary Design Report has been prepared by the City of Wenatchee's Engineer and is available for public review and comment. Prior to implementation of the Interim Action, a Final Design Report will also be prepared.

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Interim Actions at the site.

You are invited to:

- Review the Interim Action Preliminary Design Report, dated April 30, 2019
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration.

Comments will be accepted June 10, 2019 through July 10, 2019.

Site Background

In the late 1800s until 1989, several areas of Saddle Rock Park were mined for gold. Mining exploration resulted in the creation of waste rock piles. These waste rock piles have high concentrations of arsenic, mercury, selenium, and silver. Several of the rock piles located on the lower slopes of Saddle Rock Park are contaminated with arsenic, mercury, and selenium.

The site includes hiking trails to Saddle Rock summit above Wenatchee and are popular among recreational hikers and horseback riders.

The cleanup of the lower waste rock piles at the site is being done as an Interim Action and is anticipated to occur later this year.

The Interim Action is being performed under an agreement between the City of Wenatchee and Ecology called an Agreed Order. An Agreed Order is a legal agreement between two or more parties outlining the expectations, process, and schedule for cleanup at the site.

Grant funds from the State of Washington will be used for the cleanup effort. After the design is complete, the process will include bidding and selection of the cleanup contractor, followed by implementation of the cleanup. The cleanup will be documented in a completion report.

Why This Interim 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 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.

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>.

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