

# Red Shirt Mill Okanogan County



## Interim Action Plan/ SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Interim Action Plan and the issuance of a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) for the Interim Action at the Red Shirt Mill Site (Site).

### Site History

The Red Shirt Mill Site is located on Airport Road near Twisp and borders the Methow River. The Red Shirt Mill was in operation during the 1930s and 1940s. The mill processed ore from the Red Shirt Gold Mine. Tailings, crushed rock left over from the mill process after the ore was extracted, were deposited onsite and remain onsite. The mill building was demolished in December 2002 and the areas of highest contamination on site were excavated.

### Interim Action

The interim action includes adding organic matter, in the form of biosolids, to the tailings so that they will be able to sustain plant growth. Once the soil amendment process is completed, the area will be planted with native grasses, trees, and shrubs. Vegetating the site will help to mitigate exposure of contaminants to humans and wildlife, in addition to enhancing wildlife habitat.

### DNS

After reviewing the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist, Ecology has determined that the interim action will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The checklist may be reviewed at the locations listed in the information box on the right.

### Ecology Welcomes Your Comments!

Please address any written comments or questions you may have on the Interim Action Plan or the DNS to Rachel Caron at the address listed in the information box on the right. The comment period will run from February 26, 2002 through March 28, 2002.

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### Public Comment Period:

February 26, 2003 to  
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