



Spokane River Metals Flora Road Site

Comments Sought on Construction, SEPA, and Substantive Requirements Documents

Placing Cap on Contamination Provides Public Protection

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to place a cap of clean gravel over contaminated sediments at the Flora Road site. The cap will prevent direct contact with contamination along the river bank in this area. The site is located about 5 miles west of the Idaho border along the southern bank of the Spokane River at Flora Road in the Spokane Valley, Washington (Figure 1). The site is accessed from the Centennial Trail by a narrow path that has trees and brush on both sides.



Flora Road Site

Signs will be posted on the Centennial Trail and a flagger will be present during construction to let people know the access is closed. It is anticipated construction will be completed by the end of September 2009.

Why Cleanup is Necessary

Contaminants known as heavy metals washed downstream from the Idaho Coeur d'Alene Basin. These heavy metals are a result of historic mining practices in Idaho and include

lead, arsenic, zinc and cadmium. These contaminants settled in soil and sediments at certain shoreline areas along the Spokane River.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a study of mining contaminants in the Coeur d'Alene Basin. As part of the study, and additional testing by the Washington State Department of Ecology, nine shoreline areas in Washington state were identified for cleanup (Figure 2). Ecology and EPA cleaned up Starr Road in 2006. Ecology completed cleanup at Island Complex and Murray Road in 2007, and the Harvard Road North site in 2008.

The Flora Road project is being conducted for the following reasons:

- Contamination levels exceed state standards.
- The protective gravel cap prevents contact with contaminated sediments along the river banks.

Ecology Invites Your Comments

You may review and comment on documents associated with the Flora Road project August 5, 2009

Fact Sheet August 2009 Toxics Cleanup Program

Comments Accepted

August 5 through Sept. 4, 2009

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup

Website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/flora/floraRd_hp.html

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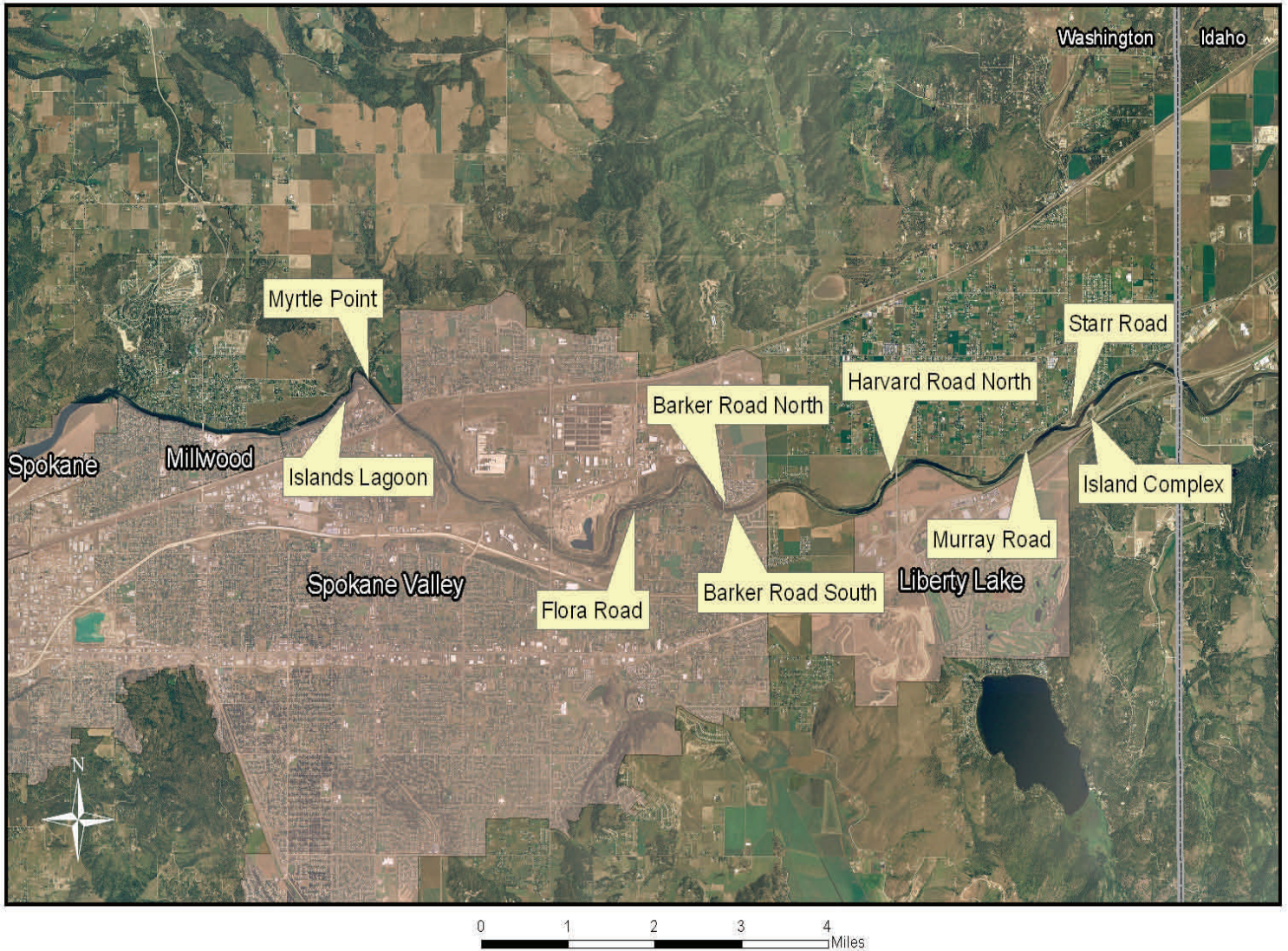


Figure 2

Spokane River Metals Sites

Work Completed

- 2006 Starr Road (WA Department of Ecology and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)
- 2007 Murray Road (WA Department of Ecology)
- 2007 Island Complex (WA Department of Ecology)
- 2008 Harvard Road North (WA Department of Ecology)

Work Pending

- 2009 Barker Road South (WA Department of Ecology)
- 2009 Flora Road (WA Department of Ecology)
- Barker Road North
- Myrtle Point
- Islands Lagoon