

Partial cleanup at the Goose Lake site

Agreed Order & Interim Action Work Plan



Interim Action Area

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August 31—October 2, 2017

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<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=2537>

Facility Site ID #: 1185

Cleanup Site ID #: 2537

Cleanup is beginning at the Goose Lake cleanup site!

The Washington Department of Ecology has drafted a legal agreement with Shelton Hills Investors, LLC (Shelton Hills), committing them to clean up a small area in the ravine southwest of Goose lake.

The legal agreement, called an agreed order, requires Shelton Hills to conduct a partial cleanup called an interim action. The interim action would take place in a small portion of the larger site. The Goose Lake site is between the city of Shelton and the Mason County Fairgrounds, near Highway 101 (see page 3 for a site map).

In addition to the agreed order, you can review and comment on a work plan for the interim action and other cleanup documents. To support completing this project during the 2017 construction season, Shelton Hills will conduct some of the interim action work concurrently with this comment period. You may also review and comment on the draft public participation plan, which describes the tools Ecology will use to inform the public and gather feedback.

We want to hear from you!

We invite written comments from August 31—October 2, 2017 on these draft documents:

- **Interim action work plan** — outlines cleanup activities for a part of the site.
- **Agreed order** — a legal agreement that requires Shelton Hills Investors, LLC to do the partial cleanup.
- **Updated public participation plan** — describes the tools we will use to inform the public and gather feedback.

The box to the left shows how to submit comments and where you can review documents.

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6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

See back page for more details



Interim action plan

The agreed order focuses on a small area in a ravine south west of Goose Lake. Soil tests showed a small amount of contamination from dioxins and PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) in the drainage ravine that drains water from the area into Goldsborough Creek. The Interim Action Work Plan outlines cleanup activities for that small part of the Goose Lake site, called the interim action area.

For the interim action, Shelton Hills plans to remove the contaminated soil (an estimated 165 tons) and dispose of it offsite in an approved landfill. After the initial excavation, they will test the soil pit to be sure all contaminated soil has been removed. Once cleanup goals have been met, they will fill the area with clean soil and restore native vegetation.

Tests of soil, sediment, and water show that the former landfill area and Goose Lake itself will be the only parts of the site that require cleanup once this interim action is complete.

Interim action area background

In the past, Rayonier Advanced Materials (Rayonier) ran a pulp mill on Oakland Bay. Between 1931 and 1934, Rayonier pumped liquid waste from the pulp mill into Goose Lake through a wooden pipeline that ran from the mill to the lake.

When the lake reached capacity, it began to overflow. To solve this, Rayonier created disposal ponds near the lake and pumped the waste into the ponds instead of the lake. It is likely that some of the overflow water drained into a natural ravine southwest of the lake (see map on page 3). In 1943, Rayonier shut down the mill for several years and stopped liquid waste disposal to Goose Lake.

Rayonier also created a landfill on the east end of Goose Lake where they placed solid waste. The waste included wood debris, pulp by-products, building materials, ash from the mill's incinerator, and demolition debris created when the mill closed. The landfill received solid waste from 1936 through 1974.

Rayonier was named a potentially liable party (PLP) responsible for site cleanup in 1997. After purchasing a portion of the Goose Lake cleanup site in 2013, Shelton Hills was also named a PLP. Rayonier remains responsible for cleanup work across the site as a whole.

What's next?

After the comment period ends, we will review comments we received. When the interim action is complete, the remaining work will be under the umbrella of the agreement Ecology has with Rayonier. We will finish a draft remedial investigation report, which will describe the extent and nature of contamination across the whole Goose Lake site. Next we will finish a draft feasibility study, which will evaluate cleanup options for the site.

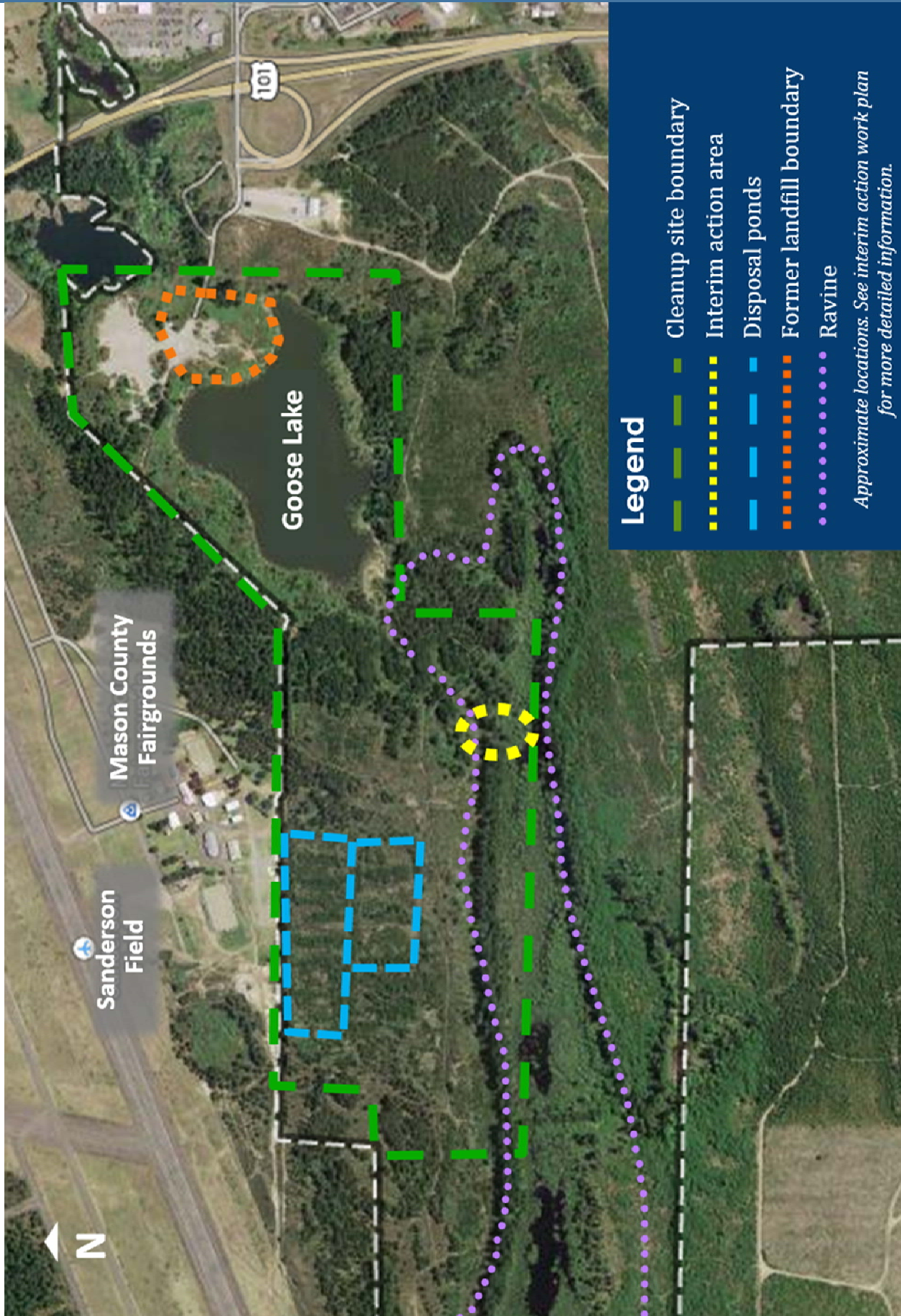
The remedial investigation and feasibility study will be available for public review and comment before they are final.

Future site use

Rayonier and Shelton Hills Investors, LLC both own parts of the site. Shelton Hills is planning development for the area south and west of Goose Lake following cleanup. For questions related to the Shelton Hills development, contact Steve Goins at 360-890-4570. Rayonier currently owns the lake and landfill area, and is exploring options for future site use.



Site and interim action area map





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Join the discussion about cleanup at the Goose Lake site!

Partial cleanup plans & agreed order available for review and comment

You are invited to review cleanup documents and submit written comments. See inside for more information.

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Special accommodations

To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at (360) 407-6300.

Persons with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. Persons with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

¿**Habla Español?** Si necesita esta información en español, contactenos a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov.

Public Open House

August 21, 2017, 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Mason PUD3 Building

2621 E Johns Prairie Road

Please join us for an open house information session about partial cleanup plans and an agreed order for Goose Lake.

6:30-7:00 p.m. Open house

7:00-8:00 p.m. Presentation
Q & A session

8:00-8:30 p.m. Open house