

Gold Knob Prospects a.k.a. Saddle Rock Park



Comments accepted:

June 15, 2020 – July 15, 2020

Submit comments:

Online:

<http://tcp.ecology.commenting.net.com/?id=g4hKi>

Or by mail:

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Site info:

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

Facility Site ID: 22496
Site Cleanup ID: 11610

Document review locations:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our standard physical locations are all closed; documents are currently available electronically only on the Gold Knob Prospects cleanup site website at the site info link above.

Interim Remedial Action 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 Remedial Action Report for Phase 1 at the Gold Knob Prospects also known as Saddle Rock Park, located at 1200 Circle Street in Wenatchee.

An Interim Action is a partial or short-term cleanup of contamination while a long-term cleanup plan is worked on. The Phase 1 cleanup area consisted of four waste rock piles located in the lower part of Saddle Rock Park. A later Phase 2 area will focus on two remaining waste rock piles near Saddle Rock Ridge.

An Interim Remedial Action completion report has been prepared by the City of Wenatchee's Engineering Consultant and is available for review and comment.

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Interim Remedial Action done in the Phase 1 area at the site.

You are invited to:

- Review the *"Interim Remedial Action Report – Saddle Rock Natural Area Phase 1 IRA Construction Project Wenatchee, Washington"* dated February 19, 2020
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration.

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Site Background

In the late 1800s until 1989, several areas of Saddle Rock Park were prospected for gold. Prospecting exploration resulted in the creation of waste rock piles. These waste rock piles have high concentrations of arsenic, mercury, selenium, and silver.

Toxics Cleanup Program

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.

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 the risk of 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.

Cleanup plans for the Phase 2 (upper area) waste rock piles are proceeding. Cleanup of these upper area waste rock piles is anticipated to occur in 2021.

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>.

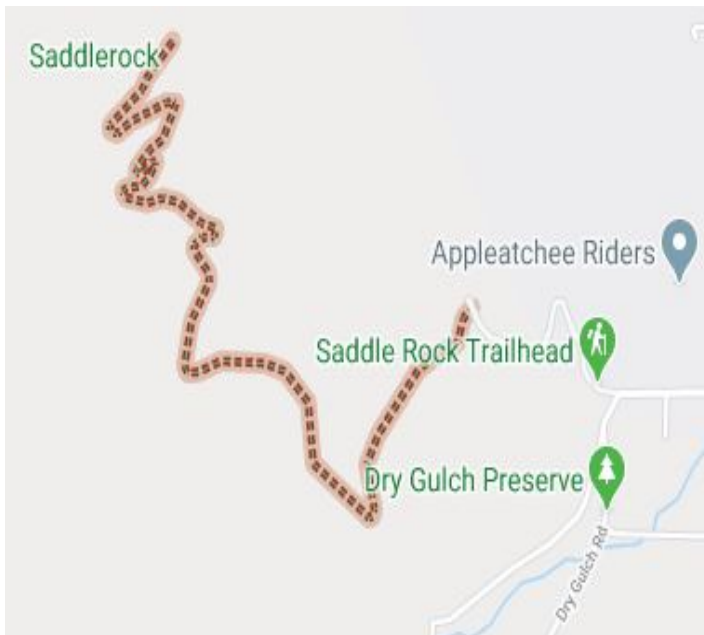
Gold Knob Prospects a.k.a. Saddle Rock Park Site Map



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Comments Invited – Gold Knob Prospects



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See inside for site information and details on how to comment.

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For Relay Service or TTY call 711 or 877-833-6341.