



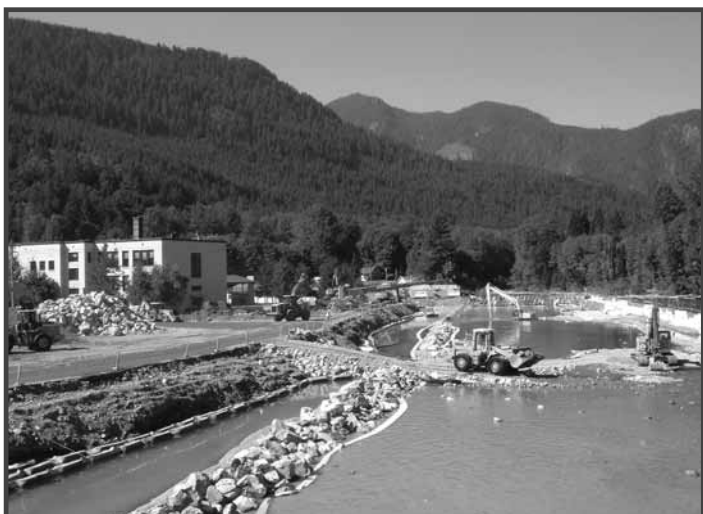
# Skykomish Scoop | March 08

## Welcome to another edition of the Skykomish Scoop!

This newsletter provides updated information about cleanup planning and activities. Currently BNSF and Ecology are preparing for the cleanup work that will happen this summer. See inside for a schedule of upcoming cleanup events, milestones and other status updates. Content for this edition of the newsletter is provided by BNSF, Ecology, and the Town of Skykomish.

### Construction update meeting: March 19

BNSF and Ecology are hosting a meeting to discuss cleanup plans on Wednesday, March 19, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Maloney's General Store in Skykomish, located at 5th Street and Railroad Avenue. Cleanup staff will share updated construction information and other plans for the cleanup work in Skykomish this summer, give an update on the community wastewater system, and be available to answer questions. There will be a second public meeting in April to address the cleanup schedule and give a more detailed presentation of the community wastewater system. We hope to see you at both of these meetings!



*Photos from the 2006 Levee Interim Action*





*Barrier wall construction in 2001*

## What have BNSF and Ecology been doing lately?

BNSF and Ecology have been working on detailed plans for the 2008 cleanup. In March, contractors are bidding on this summer's work in preparation for starting construction activities in early May. Major cleanup events planned for the summer include:

- Temporarily relocating the McEvoy House and Whistling Post Tavern to allow excavation on those properties.
- Installing a hydraulic control and containment (HCC) system – a groundwater barrier and groundwater interception trench – along the boundary between the rail yard and Railroad Avenue.
- Relocating the BNSF Depot building to install the HCC system.
- Excavation of Railroad Avenue.
- Restoration of properties.
- Installation of the community wastewater system.

## What's the schedule?

### February 22

Contract out for competitive bid

### March 3 and March 11

Contractor pre-bid meetings  
in Skykomish

### March 19

Public meeting: construction update at  
Maloney's General Store  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### March 21

Contractor bids due

### Late April

Pre-construction public meeting  
and contractor hired

### Early May

Work begins in town

### Late summer/early fall

Major construction complete

## What can we expect this summer?

This summer will be an active construction season for the cleanup, with construction work in several areas of town. Traffic will be rerouted away from Railroad Avenue during some phases of construction, and detour routes will be clearly marked for both residents and visitors. An alternate route will be provided across the railroad tracks for cars and pedestrians while the crossing at 5th Street is temporarily closed. Access across the tracks will be limited after 10:00 pm.

Most Skykomish businesses will be open during construction. The Whistling Post Tavern will be temporarily closed during part of the cleanup.

Construction of the HCC will require the installation of steel sheet piles. This work will be noisy and cause some vibration in the immediate area. BNSF and Ecology are working with businesses and residents to minimize construction impacts, including noise, vibration, and odors. Some of these excavation impacts are unavoidable in order to complete the cleanup safely and on schedule. These impacts will be the focus of the public meeting on March 19.

## Work on the Skykomish community wastewater system begins this summer

By *Clint Stanovsky*

*Skykomish Community Technical Advisor*

The Town of Skykomish will begin building three major components of its new community wastewater system this summer. By the end of the year, structures will be complete for the Pump Station, the Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Drain Field Disposal Facility.

In April, the Town will receive bids to build a Pump Station at the west end of Railroad Avenue. The Pump Station consists of a concrete tank, 10 feet in diameter, set 16 feet below street level and into the embankment between Railroad Avenue and the train tracks. This work also includes a steel casing under the railroad tracks, connecting the pump station to a new manhole on the south side of the rail yard.



*Trench box used during shoring wall installation in 2006*

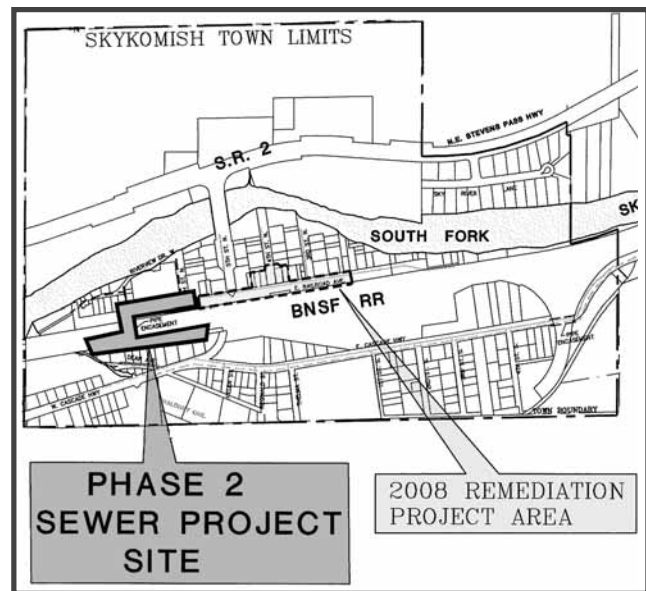
When the system is complete, the Pump Station will collect wastewater from all over town, and pump it to a new Wastewater Treatment Facility on the old Town landfill site. After treatment and disinfection, wastewater will be disposed of through a drainfield, to be located south of the Skykomish Airport. Work on the treatment plant and drainfield will also begin this year, after we receive county permits and complete real estate transactions with the Washington State Department of Transportation.

In 2009, the Town will install pipelines in those streets south of the Skykomish River that are not affected by cleanup activities. We plan to connect most homes and businesses on these streets to the wastewater system by the end of the year – BNSF will continue to connect structures in the cleanup area to the wastewater system as their work proceeds, in 2009 and beyond. The Town plans to extend the wastewater collection system north of the river, once cleanup on the south side of the bridge is complete.

Also this summer, the Town will develop a sewer ordinance and set sewer rates to apply in 2009, after users are connected to the system. We'll provide more information and hold public meetings about rules and rates in coming months. The Washington State Department of Ecology Toxics Cleanup Program is funding the new wastewater system.

**For an overview of the Town of Skykomish General Sewer and Facilities Plan, please visit our website, <http://www.town.skykomish.wa.us>, and look under Public Notices.**

**For additional information, please call Clint Stanovsky at Town Hall (360-677-2388) or email him at [cstanovsky@comcast.net](mailto:cstanovsky@comcast.net)**



*Cleanup work this summer will be adjacent to community wastewater system construction*

## Questions or Concerns?

If you have questions about cleanup plans or general concerns, you can reach BNSF and Ecology in a number of ways:

- Call the Skykomish Call Line: 800-228-1849
- Visit the Skykomish Cleanup Web site: [skykomishcleanup.com](http://skykomishcleanup.com).
- Send an email to: [info@skykomishcleanup.com](mailto:info@skykomishcleanup.com).



### Sign up for Skykomish Cleanup email alerts

To stay informed about the cleanup project and work activities, sign up for email alerts by sending an email to [info@skykomishcleanup.com](mailto:info@skykomishcleanup.com). Email alerts will be sent periodically throughout the cleanup project.