

Skykomish Cleanup



Construction update

July 16, 2009

Recent activities

- Northwest Archaeological Associates (NWAA) continued documenting historic sites in the Phase 1 excavation area, near 4th Street. Two privies containing historic artifacts (e.g. old bottles) and some old farm animal bones have been discovered.
 - *Why is archaeological documentation taking longer than it did last year?*
The historic sites this year are located in the heart of historic Skykomish and require a more thorough investigation. Also, there are particular regulations guiding documentation of finds such as privies. Historic discoveries in past years did not have the same requirements.
- Cut power to the Wheatley rental property on Wednesday and started the documentation process in preparation for moving the house. The house will be temporarily relocated in 2009.
- Ground asphalt on 5th Street in preparation for excavation later this summer.
- Continued loading out overburden material on rail cars.
- Continued dust control and river turbidity monitoring.

What's happening next?

- More asbestos was discovered under the Skykomish Hotel once crews had better access under the building. Asbestos abatement will be completed tomorrow. Crews will replace some beams and continue preparing the Hotel for moving. The Hotel is scheduled to be relocated the week of July 27.
- NWAA is completing its work in the Phase 1 excavation area today and will move to the General Store property to process any historic discoveries at that location.
- Strider will complete overburden excavation in the Phase 1 area on Friday and will begin deep excavation the week of July 20. This below the "vertical delineation limit" (VDL) excavation will last approximately two weeks.
- The Town of Skykomish will start construction soon on the community wastewater system. Stay tuned to learn more as the Town develops a construction schedule.
- The cleanup team is looking at the cleanup schedule and ways to make up time lost during archaeological site processing. This may include some Saturday work or longer work hours (within Town ordinances). Residents will be informed of any schedule changes.

Questions or concerns?

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