

Skykomish Cleanup



Construction update

August 21, 2008

Recent activities

- Sheet pile installation for the HCC wall is complete. Crews will continue to drive sheet pile "cells" that will be used for stabilization during vault installation; this sheet pile is temporary and will be removed after vaults are installed.
- Railroad Avenue excavation is quickly progressing. Approximately 1,000 tons a day of contaminated material have been exported by rail cars this week.
- Crews continue to recover oil from the excavation area using skimmers and booms. Approximately 1,500 gallons of oil have been recovered. Visual inspections and confirmation sampling determines when an area is clean and ready for backfilling.
- Continue building the underground mechanically stabilized earth wall. This wall is built with concrete ecology blocks and uses geo-textile material for stabilization. This wall is not part of the HCC system. It runs along the north side of Railroad Avenue, beginning near 6th Street and moving east to the Whistling Post and 4th Street.
- Crews completed investigational drilling at the school and began pilot testing on the rail yard. This investigation will help determine what cleanup remedies are necessary at the school.
- Continued air, noise and vibration monitoring.

Coming soon: Temporary traffic revisions

The next phase of construction is approaching, when the northern part of the construction zone will be excavated and backfilled. This area includes the intersection of 4th Street and Railroad Avenue. Traffic and pedestrian routes will change. Residents, businesses, and the Town of Skykomish will be notified as plans are finalized. Vehicle and pedestrian access in town will be maintained and the project team will continue to work with residents and businesses.

Stay tuned for more information.

What's happening next?

- The Town of Skykomish will begin installing casing for the community wastewater system pump station the week of August 25. This work will take place at the west end of Railroad Avenue and will last several weeks.
- Continue excavating and backfilling in the construction zone.
- Construction crews will continue working on Saturdays to help stay on schedule. If necessary, oil recovery will occur on Sundays as well.
- Continue air, noise and vibration monitoring, and continue water treatment operations.

Questions or concerns?

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