



# Skykomish Scoop | November 2011

## Welcome to the Skykomish Scoop!



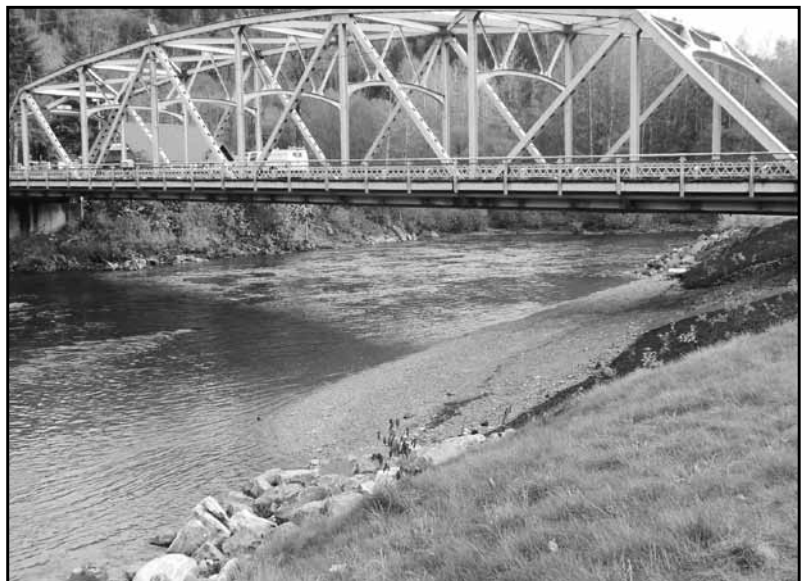
BNSF Railway (BNSF) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) are currently conducting a multi-year environmental cleanup in Skykomish. This newsletter provides a way for you to stay informed about cleanup and construction activities. Content for this edition of the newsletter is provided by BNSF and Ecology.

### 2011 cleanup

After several years of cleanup, we are proud to have completed final restoration throughout most of Skykomish. BNSF and Ecology extend a big thank you to Skykomish residents for their patience and cooperation this year!

### Skykomish school cleanup

BNSF and Ecology continue to work with the Skykomish School District to determine a remedial approach to clean up the school property. Design work on the school cleanup is currently on hold until an acceptable approach can be determined, at which time BNSF will continue work on the next level of remediation design and implementation. The schedule for this work and final restoration of 6th Street and Railroad Avenue near the school will be confirmed after design work resumes.



*The restored west levee following in-river excavation .*

**Look inside for more information on 2011 cleanup and restoration progress!**

## 2011 cleanup activities

Cleanup activities occurred in several parts of town to complete remaining excavations in those areas. Major cleanup activities this year included:

### In-river excavation near the 5th Street Bridge



*Prior to excavating in the Skykomish River, crews built a temporary cofferdam to prevent silt and/or oil from entering the main channel.*



*The cofferdam was removed once excavation was complete and the area was backfilled. The 5th Street Bridge remained open during this work. The levee was restored and plantings were installed to stabilize the soils and provide habitat.*

### West levee and school yard excavation



*Crews excavated and backfilled near the west levee on West River Drive right-of-way and on a portion of the school yard. Samples taken from the edges of the west levee excavation area indicated that in-river work was not necessary.*



*After the excavation area was backfilled, crews installed topsoil, sod and a new fence.*

### Rail yard cleanup



*Crews excavated and backfilled several contaminated areas of the rail yard, including the Former Maloney Creek East haul road.*



*Construction trailers were removed from the rail yard and the Depot was relocated to the rail yard in early November.*

## Town restoration

Final restoration was completed throughout town, including the installation of town utilities, (storm, sewer and water) on East River Drive and 6th Street. Other restoration activities included:

### New curbs, gutters and sidewalks



*Temporary asphalt curbs and sidewalks throughout town were removed.*



*New concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalks were installed.*

### Final paving



*Final paving was completed throughout town in mid-October including 5th Street (above), 4th Street, East and West River Drives, and Railroad Avenue.*



*Roadway striping on newly paved areas was completed in early November.*

### Depot Park restoration



*The town kiosk was restored to Depot Park on Railroad Avenue.*



*The town signature fence, irrigation, sod and flag pole were installed at the park.*

## Who do I contact for questions about...?

### **Cleanup activities:**

Skykomish Cleanup Call Line

Call: 1-800-228-1849

Email: [info@skykomishcleanup.com](mailto:info@skykomishcleanup.com)

Visit: [www.skykomishcleanup.com](http://www.skykomishcleanup.com)

### **Cleanup approach:**

Washington State Department of Ecology

Call: 425-649-4486

Visit: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=34>

### **Community wastewater system construction:**

Town of Skykomish: 360-677-2388



*A kayak ramp was installed on the west levee near the 5th Street Bridge.*