



Skykomish Scoop | November 2010

BNSF Railway Company (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 is provided by BNSF and Ecology.



Finishing cleanup activities for 2010

Cleanup work for 2010 is wrapping up in Skykomish. Here are just a few of the activities that have been recently completed:

- Constructed the retention pond and installed the underground stormwater pipe to connect the Former Maloney Creek East and West Wetlands. FMC West Wetland is now fully restored and functional.
- Completed restoration and “winterization” activities, including paving 5th Street, 6th Street and West River Road with temporary asphalt-treated base, and installing temporary sidewalks and permanent street lights.
- Private property restoration is near completion as crews installed topsoil, built fences and poured concrete features, including the tennis court at the Skykomish School.

Visit www.skykomishcleanup.com to see photos of construction and restoration in 2010.

Review plans for future cleanup

Cleanup staff will discuss plans for future cleanup work at a public meeting on November 17 (see back page for details). Meeting topics include:

- Excavation in the Skykomish River near the 5th Street Bridge
- Town restoration
- Excavation on the railyard
- Skykomish School cleanup
- West levee and school yard excavation

The majority of activities are described in the 2010 Engineering Design Report (EDR). Staff from BNSF, Ecology and the Town of Skykomish will be available to answer questions.

Update on Skykomish School cleanup

Excavation near the school this summer indicated that contamination extends beneath a larger portion of the school building than BNSF and Ecology previously understood. This new data has caused BNSF and Ecology to reevaluate which cleanup options are appropriate. BNSF, Ecology and the school board will review cleanup options in the coming months concurrent with on-going access negotiations between BNSF and the school board. BNSF recently provided funding for the school board to hire legal counsel and consultants so the board can effectively participate in the alternatives reevaluation process.

Community Meeting November 17



BNSF and Ecology invite you to a community meeting to listen to your comments about the cleanup work in 2010 and discuss cleanup plans for 2011. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Maloney's General Store

104 Railroad Avenue, Skykomish

Who do I contact for questions about...?

Cleanup activities

Skykomish Cleanup Call Line

Call: 1-800-228-1849

E-mail: info@skykomishcleanup.com

Visit: www.skykomishcleanup.com

Cleanup approach

Washington State Department of Ecology

Call: 425-649-4486

Visit: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/bnsf_sky/bnsf_sky.html

Community wastewater system construction

Town of Skykomish

Call: 360-677-2388

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Learn about cleanup plans for 2011

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