Interstate-Callahan Upper and Lower Rock Dumps RA Construction Project

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Interstate Callahan Rock Dumps



History of the Interstate-Callahan

- 1887 J.F. Callahan filed claim
- 1887-1888 Built cabin and began small scale mining
- 1906 First ore shipment from Callahan Mine
- 1912 Consolidated Interstate Mining Company formed
- 1912 and 1913 Constructed mill and cable tramway
- 1915 Cable tramway connecting Interstate-Callahan to the railroad
- 1918-1920 Part time mining operations
- 1920 Callahan Zinc-Lead Company Formed
- 1921-1923 Part Time Mining Operations
- 1924-1935 Period of no mining
- 1936 Interstate-Callahan Mine Reopened
- 1937-1949 Active Mining
- 1951-1965 Sorted backfill for Lead and Zinc.



Bunker Hill Superfund Background

SUMMARY OF ASARCO SETTLEMENT

~\$435 million for cleanup of the CDA Basin

Interstate-Callahan RA Construction = ~\$4.2 M

Coeur d'Alene Trust was formed to oversee and manage the money for cleanup under direction from EPA

Design Objectives

- Restore native ground surface within excavated areas to match surrounding native conditions.
- Restore stream channels, floodplains and riparian areas within the site to conditions similar to upstream reference areas.
- Minimize operations and maintenance and institutional controls requirements.
- Maintain recreational use and access consistent with current conditions and reasonably anticipated land use as determined by EPA, other Federal land management agencies, and the current landowner.

Design Constraints

Short construction season (approximately 120 working days) due to weather conditions

- Limited area for construction activities and stockpiling of materials
- Working on steep slopes
- Coordination with design and construction of the EFNM WCA

Mine Waste Excavation

Excavation Design Basis

- Soil boring and test pit data used from 2011 and 2012 Trust site characterization investigations
- Achieve soil and sediment concentrations less than or equal to 530 mg/kg lead
- Characterization showed minimal leaching into native soils







Upper Rock Dump Excavation



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Lower Rock Dump Excavation



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Excavation Design Summary

- Total excavation of 215,928 bank cubic yards of mine waste rock
- Approximately 27,345 bcy of general fill required for slope establishment, positive drainage and haul road reconstruction
- Total disturbed footprint was approximately 18 acres

Upper Rock Dump Excavation Pre/Post Photographs



Upper Rock Dump Excavation Pre/Post Photographs





Lower Rock Dump Excavation Pre/Post Photographs



EFNM Creek and Tributary Reconstruction

Stream/Tributary Design Basis

Design based upon upstream reference reach

- Diversion of EFNM Creek required during construction for waste excavation and stream reconstruction.
- Grade Controls, Step pools, and run sections
- Four designed structures incorporated (Rock Cross Vane, Double Log V-Structure, Armored Angled Log Step-Down, and Angled Rock Step Down)

EFNM Creek Channel Alignment



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Grade Control Structure



Log Grade Control Structure



Incorporating Bedrock during Constr



Upper EFNM Creek



Lower EFNM Creek



Lower Tributary Reconstruction



Upper Tributary Reconstruction





Stream/Tributary Reconstruction Summary

Reconstruction of approximately 1,692 linear feet of EFNM Creek

- Reconstruction of approximately 1,490 linear feet of Tributaries
- Installation of 37 Rock Cross Vane Structures in both EFNM Creek and tributaries
- Installation of 3 Double V-Log Structures
- 16 Armored Angled Log Step-Down Structures
- 17 Angled Rock Step-Down Structures
- 1,800 Riparian tubelings (alders and willow)

Revegetation

Revegetation

- Cover Soil (12-inches of imported cover soils from EFNM WCA)
- Amendment (3% Organic matter and lime incorporation was performed as part of EFNM WCA Construction Activities)
- Upland and Riparian Seed Mixes (consistent with EFNM basin native plant species)
- Tubelings (western red cedar, western larch, white pine, and lodgepole pine at 150 -200 tubelings per acre)

Locals enjoying dinner



Revegetation Summary

- ▶ 19.1 acres of revegetation
 - ▶ 16.5 acres of upland seed mix
 - 1.6 acre of riparian seed mix
- 25,993 cubic yards of amended cover soil
- 2,262 dry tons of organic amendment
- ▶ 19.1 acres of hydro-mulch
- ► 3,620 conifer tubelings
- 1,800 riparian tubelings
- 11,001 square yards of erosion control mat

Lessons Learned

- Flexible Designs
- Flexible Contracting Mechanisms
 - Unit Rate Bids
 - Time and Materials
- Development of a good working relationship between owner, engineer and contractor results in a successful project
- Ensure third-party surveyors understand final use for their data
- Double V-log Grade Control Structures has gradient limitations
- Use of cleared and grubbed materials, wood debris, and Hydro Straw BFM are viable erosion control methods on steep slopes
 Organic amended cover soils are needed for successful revegetation

Elk love Cedar tubelings

THANKS













QUESTIONS