

# You're Invited: Review Early Designs for New Repository in Lower Burke Canyon

## Site Update: Lower Burke Canyon Repository

Wallace, Idaho

May 2013

### Open House: You're Invited!

- **Tuesday, June 4, 2013**
- Drop in any time between **4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**
- Wallace Inn, Gold Room  
100 Front Street  
Wallace, Idaho 83873

A new waste repository is coming in 2014 to the Lower Burke Canyon. Early designs are now out for public review. Find the 30% Design Document at select local libraries or online at [go.usa.gov/Tvzd](http://go.usa.gov/Tvzd) EPA encourages you to submit comments by **June 28, 2013**.

You are invited to an Open House to learn more about plans for the repository. The Basin Commission's Citizens Coordinating Council will host the forum. Drop in any time between **4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** at the Wallace Inn. There will be no formal presentations. You'll have a chance to:

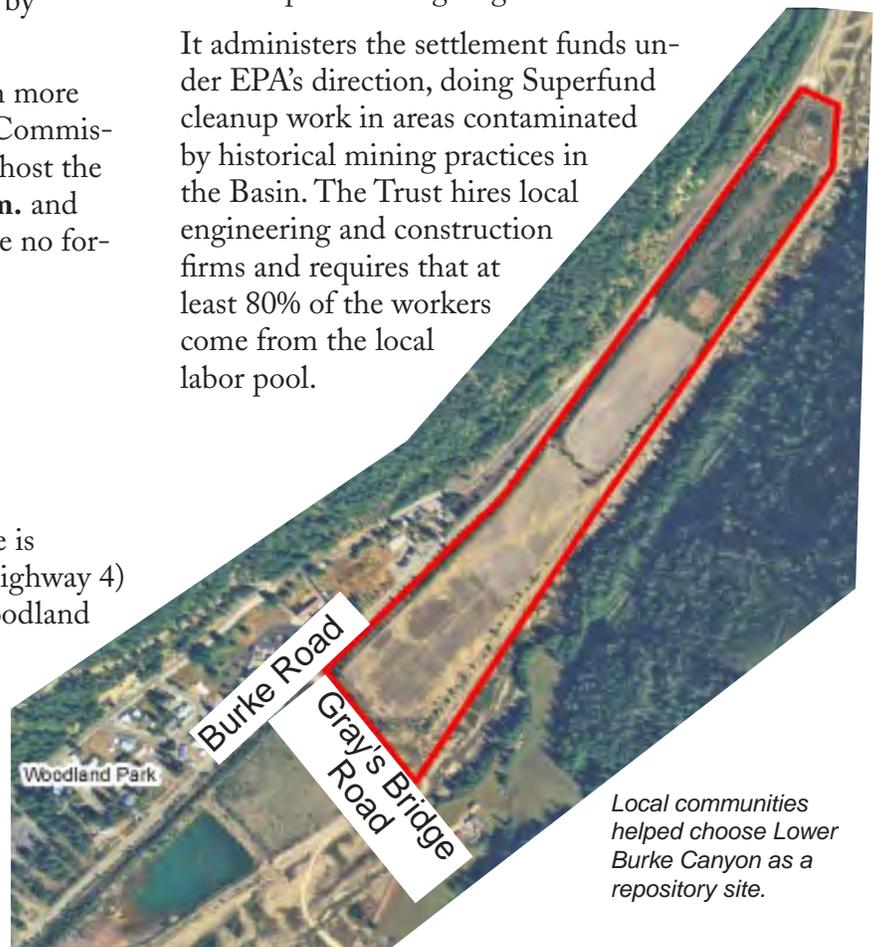
- View displays
- Talk with project staff
- Get your questions answered
- Submit written comments

The Lower Burke Canyon Repository Site is located in Wallace, east of Burke Road (Highway 4) and north of Grays Bridge Road, near Woodland Park. The site is currently a closed mine tailings impoundment. Waste material removed from cleanups within the Canyon Creek area will be placed on top of this already contaminated surface. This repository will also receive wastes from the Institutional Control Program administered by Panhandle Health District.

Local residents helped select this site for a repository. At two public workshops held in 2009, people suggested possible locations. They also helped develop selection criteria, or points for the agencies to consider when choosing repository sites. The agencies held a public comment period during this repository siting phase. In 2010 and 2012, the agencies held additional public open houses to inform people about progress and to hear their early concerns and ideas.

The repository design, construction, and operation will be led by the CDA Work Trust. The Trust is also called the Asarco Successor Coeur d'Alene Custodial and Work Trust. The Trust was set up in 2009 as part of a large legal settlement.

It administers the settlement funds under EPA's direction, doing Superfund cleanup work in areas contaminated by historical mining practices in the Basin. The Trust hires local engineering and construction firms and requires that at least 80% of the workers come from the local labor pool.



*Local communities helped choose Lower Burke Canyon as a repository site.*

## Plans for the Repository

The repository site is about 30 acres, roughly rectangular in shape. Canyon Creek lies to the north and east.

The repository will securely contain contaminated mine waste from cleanup activities. The proposed design calls for the repository to become a three-tiered, sloped soil mound. A cover will help prevent water from soaking into the waste materials, to protect ground water and surface water. Its surface will have native grasses and shrubs to blend into the landscape. However, the repository still will be visible.

Repository construction will begin in summer 2014. Construction will include development of access roads, decontamination areas, personnel facilities, a parking area, and utility installation. Dust control measures during construction will protect air quality. Vehicles will be washed down before they leave the site.

About 80,000 cubic yards of waste will be placed during the summer and fall of 2015. Over the life of the repository, about 816,000 cubic yards will be secured there. It will take in waste for at least 10 years.

Waste from cleanup of mine sites higher in the Canyon Creek watershed will be trucked to the repository via State Highway 4 (Burke Road). To limit impacts to the Woodland Park community and improve safety, cleanup trucks will enter the repository near the north end.

Mine waste from property cleanups, the Institutional Controls Program (ICP), paved roads program, and remedy protection program will also be hauled via Highway 4 to temporary access locations along the repository. A separate ICP area with its own access gate and fencing will allow users to safely and easily dispose of contaminated soil. Access gates and fencing will be installed around the repository



*Artist conception view from Woodland Park of the Lower Burke Canyon Repository when completed.*

## Public Comments Due June 28

**Send written comments to:**

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**Please share your comments.**

Are you comfortable with the configuration of the design? Do you have thoughts about possible future uses of the site once the repository is full and closed? Do you have concerns about traffic problems, dust, or other nuisance issues? Are you concerned about impacts to your property or community? What other suggestions do you wish to share on this topic?

### What is a Waste Repository?

Soil from local cleanups contains metals - like lead and arsenic - that can harm people. This soil needs a place where it can be safely contained. These *waste repositories* are carefully chosen and engineered to securely contain contaminated soil

and reduce impacts to people and the environment. Waste repositories are managed long after they are closed to be sure the contaminants remain contained and secure.

## For More Information

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**30 Percent Design Document:**

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## Documents

**North Idaho College Library**

Molstead Library  
1000 Garden Avenue  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
208-769-3355

**Wallace Public Library**

415 River Street  
Wallace, ID 83873  
208-752-4571

**Spokane Public Library**

906 West Main Avenue  
Spokane, WA 99201  
509-444-5336

**EPA Field Office**

1910 Northwest Boulevard,  
Suite 208  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
208-664-4588

**EPA Seattle Office**

**Superfund Record Center**  
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900  
Seattle, WA 98101  
206-553-4494 or 800-424-4372

**St. Maries Library**

822 W. College Avenue  
St. Maries, ID 83861  
208-245-3732

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