

## Upper Coeur d'Alene Basin ROD Amendment Update

May 19, 2010

### ROD Amendment will include:

- Additional source areas such as mine/mill sites and contaminated floodplain tailings not in the OU3 Interim ROD
- OU2 Phase II actions to address groundwater and surface water contamination
- Change in water treatment
- Actions to protect remedies from tributary flooding and heavy precipitation

### Benefits:

- Provide a final remedy for:
  - Human health protection for surface water used for drinking water purposes
  - Ecological protection for surface water
  - Human health and ecological protection for soil, sediments and source material in locations where remedial actions are taken.
- Groundwater – reduce contribution of contaminated groundwater to surface water and reduce metals levels in groundwater
- Reduce particulate lead and recontamination potential in Lower Basin
- Reduce risk to humans and wildlife from contaminated mine waste
- Protect clean areas and barriers/caps from recontamination and scour

### Community Involvement & Path-forward:

- ROD Amendment outreach plan developed with DEQ
- Technical meetings with the Basin Commission's Upper Basin Project Focus Team
- Updates at Basin Commission and Citizen Coordinating Council meetings
- Meeting with other Basin community groups to share information about RODA
- Working with Trustees
- ROD Amendment focused web page established - all meeting materials, fact sheets, final tech memos, etc.
- Around time of Proposed Plan comment period planning for extensive outreach :
  - Proposed Plan focus of May Basin Commission meeting (5/19/10)
  - Open house and public meeting (*during comment period – exact date tbd*)
  - Update Congressionals/media availability sessions
  - Meetings with key stakeholders
  - Provide articles for other groups' newsletters
  - Other activities...

### Schedule:

- Proposed plan comment period – July 12 to August 25, 2010
- Implementation Plan – Summer /Fall 2010
- ROD Amendment – Late Fall 2010

### Closing:

- Upper Basin ROD Amendment makes sense in order to provide a comprehensive cleanup approach across the Upper Basin, and update our approach based on recent data/information
- A separate Implementation Plan will outline the process to:
  - Get the “most bang for the cleanup buck” for ROD Amendment actions
  - Ensure we have a logical and documented approach that addresses the most important sites first (e.g., sites that achieve water quality standards soonest and are cost-effective)
- ROD Amendment and Implementation Plan development occurring within Basin Commission framework (Upper Basin PFT) and with additional community involvement opportunities