

Mike Horse Messenger

Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex



Site Update

December 2018

171,310 cubic yards of contaminated material removed in 2018

The Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex is now buttoned up for the winter, following the removal of 171,310 cubic yards of contaminated material from the banks and floodplain of the Blackfoot River and its tributaries this year. This season's work brought total removals since the work began in 2014 to 870,000 cubic yards. By the time 2019 construction wraps up for the season, DEQ expects to have removed at least 1 million cubic yards of contaminated material, which is twice the original estimate.

Work proceeded as planned this season, with construction of new stream channel from the confluence of Mike Horse and Beartrap creeks down to the Water Treatment Plant. The only work remaining in this stretch is removal of the temporary construction road and associated restoration of the floodplain.

Contaminated materials also were removed along the stretch of river from the Water Treatment Plant to just upstream of the Midnight Cabin, an area identified as "Additive Alternate A" in the construction bid package (see map on reverse page). Some backfill has been stockpiled in the area for next year's restoration construction. Waste hauling started, but was not completed, in the area known as Additive Alternate B, which runs from just above Midnight Cabin down to the area just below the old Edith Mine.

Rebuilding the stream at the confluence of Mike Horse and Beartrap Creeks.



Remediation work in Additive Alternates A and B will be completed in 2019 under the existing contract with Missouri River Contractors. Restoration of these areas will be completed under a separate contract, with work expected to begin in 2019.

All winterization activities are now complete, including flood control measures, access controls, temporary capping of the repository, and lifting of the road closure. DEQ and our project partners will issue a newsletter and hold a public meeting next spring to discuss 2019 field activities.

We encourage you to visit with us at a community open house event on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. at the Lincoln Community Hall. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

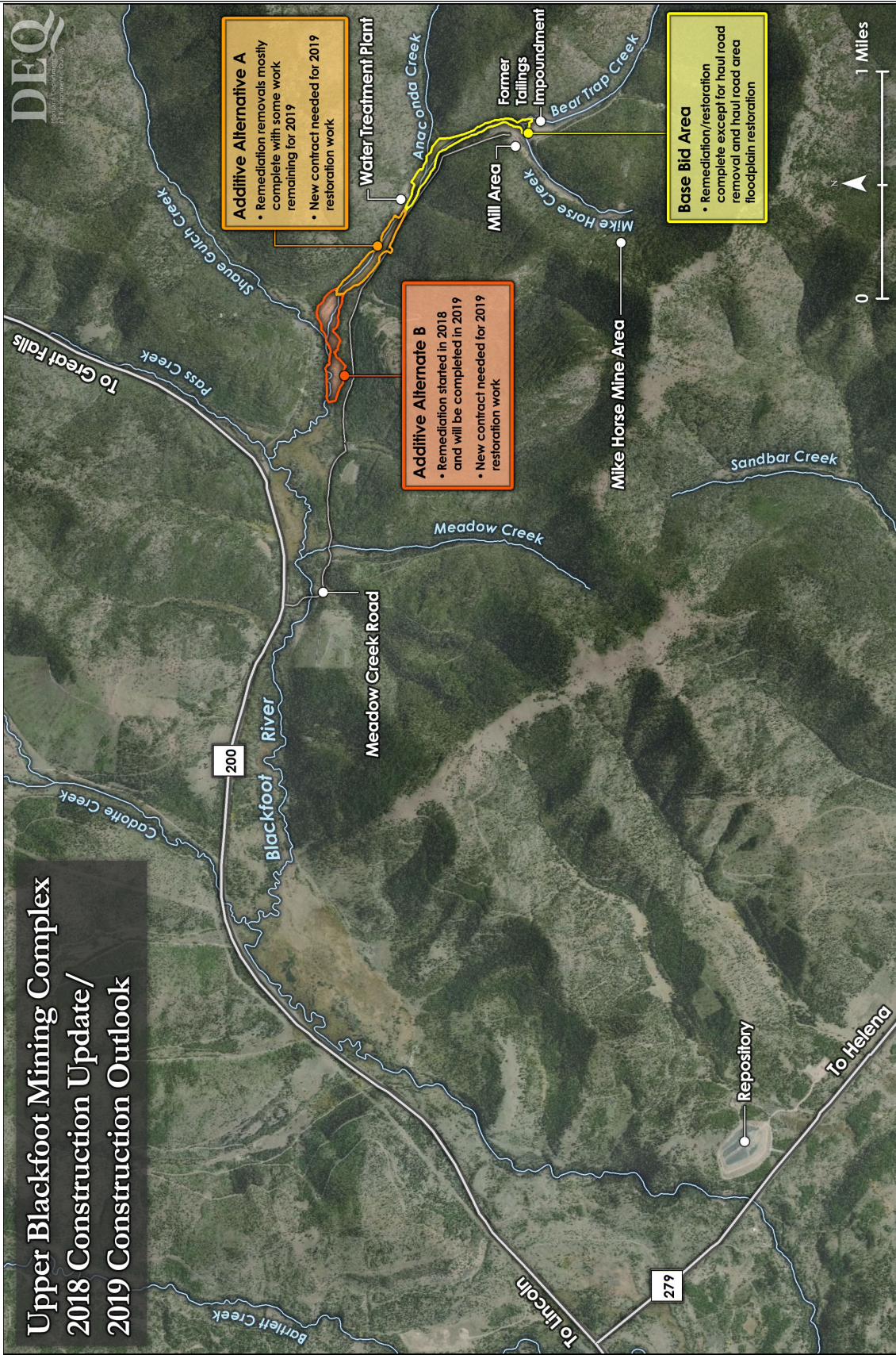
Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex Open House

Please join DEQ and our project partners for an open house on the Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex. Learn about 2018 work and what's ahead.

Thursday, December 13, 6-8 p.m.
Lincoln Community Hall
404 Main Street Lincoln, MT



DEQ will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate. To request an accommodation, please contact Joann Wiggins at (406) 444-6795 or jwiggins@mt.gov.



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