

# **Chapter 5**

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#### 5.1 AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS CONSULTED

In the course of preparation of the Draft and Final SEISs for the Golden Sunlight Mine (GSM), the DEQ and BLM communicated with and received input from federal, state, and local agencies, elected representatives, environmental and citizens groups, companies, and individuals. This list of agencies, organizations, and individuals includes those individuals present at the Public Scoping and the Whitehall Community Transition Advisory Committee meetings held in Whitehall, and the MAA meetings.

#### 5.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

##### 5.2.1 Scoping Meeting

A public scoping meeting was held on July 16, 2003 at the Middle School in Whitehall, Montana. A total of 164 people signed in at the meeting, and there were approximately another 30 who declined to sign the register. The meeting commenced with an explanation of the meeting's purpose presented by DEQ. The General Manager of GSM spoke on the history of the mine. This was followed by a presentation by the agencies of the seven alternatives being actively studied in preparation of the SEIS.

Twenty-six attendees at the public scoping meeting made statements, all against partial pit backfill at GSM. Representatives of BLM and DEQ answered questions raised by participants of the meeting.

A total of 76 comments have been received, 71 letters or e-mails, and five comment forms completed during the public meeting. There were a total of 120 signatures on the comments, and 12 comments were on form letters. Of the 76 comments received, 73 expressed strong opinions against partial pit backfill. Seven letters were from local, state, or federal representatives.

#### **What has changed in Chapter 5 since the DSEIS?**

Chapter 5 lists all those who consulted on the SEIS and how public participation took place.

The following changes have been made:

- Information on the DSEIS meetings held in 2005 are listed.
- The information on the timeframe for public comments is listed.
- The mailing list for the FSEIS is listed.

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### **5.2.2 Whitehall Community Transition Advisory Committee**

On September 9, 2003, another public meeting was held at the Whitehall Middle School, called by the Whitehall Community Transition Advisory Committee, a locally based stakeholder group interested in the future and reclamation of GSM. This meeting again showed the interest of the local and surrounding communities in the process. Both DEQ and BLM representatives attended the meeting.

A total of 117 people attended the meeting. Similar to the Public Scoping Meeting, the persons making statements at this meeting were strongly against the partial pit backfill approach to GSM reclamation.

### **5.2.3 MAA Process**

To assist the agencies in determining the range of alternatives to be evaluated in the SEIS, DEQ and BLM initiated a Multiple Accounts Analysis (MAA) process. The MAA process is described in detail in Robertson GeoConsultants (2003) and summarized in Section 1.7.2.

### **5.2.4 Draft SEIS Public Meetings**

Public meetings were held in Whitehall on January 31, 2005, with 17 speakers, Helena on March 14, 2005, with 13 speakers, and Butte on March 24, 2005, with 7 speakers. The meetings were conducted by DEQ and BLM to solicit input on the GSM Draft SEIS.

### **5.2.5 Draft SEIS Public Comments**

The public comment period ran from December 16, 2004, until April 12, 2005. There were 169 groups or individuals who provided public comment on the Draft SEIS. These 169 entities provided 392 comments. The responses to these public comments are found in Chapter 6.

### 5.3 PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING THE SEIS

Agencies, organizations, and individuals who received copies of the Final SEIS are listed below:

#### **Businesses/Organizations**

Alliance for the Wild Rockies  
 AngloGold North America  
 Atlatl  
 Bighorn Environmental Sciences  
 Buka Environmental  
 Butte Local Development Corp.  
 Cardwell Store and RV Park  
 Center for Environmental Programs  
 Center for Urban Affairs & Policy  
 Clark Fork Coalition  
 Continental Divide Trail  
 Cortez Gold Mine  
 CURE  
 Earthworks  
 Fickler Oil Company  
 Gallatin Wildlife Association  
 Genesis Inc. Troy Mine  
 Golden Sunlight Mine  
 Gouch, Shanahan, Johnson & Waterman  
 International Union of Oper. Engineers  
 J. Kuipers Engineering  
 JLDC  
 LR Huckaba Ranch  
 McCloskey Auto Electric  
 Mineral Policy Center  
 Montana Contractors' Association, Inc.  
 Montana Mining Association  
 Montana Petroleum Association  
 Montana Resources  
 Montana River Action  
 Montana Wildlife Federation  
 Mountain Labs  
 MSE-TA  
 MT Environmental Information Center  
 National Wildlife Federation  
 Northern Plains Resource Council  
 O'Keefe Drilling

Pacific Blasting  
 People for the West  
 Pintler Audubon Society  
 Smith Construction  
 Smith Contracting  
 Western Mining Action Project  
 Western Environmental Trade Assoc.

#### **Colleges and Universities**

Montana State University – Bozeman  
 Montana Tech of the University of Montana - Butte

#### **Libraries**

Boulder Community Library  
 Bozeman Public Library  
 Butte Public Library  
 John Gregory Memorial Library  
 Lewis and Clark County Library  
 Montana State Library  
 Montana State University Library  
 Montana Tech Library

#### **Congressional Offices**

U.S. Representative Denny Rehberg  
 U.S. Senator Max Baucus  
 U.S. Senator Jon Testor

#### **Montana Legislators**

Representative Art Noonan  
 Representative Diane Rice  
 Representative George Groesbeck  
 Representative Jim Keane  
 Representative Scott Mendenhall  
 Senator Steve Gallus  
 Senator Terry Murphy  
 Senator Dan Harrington  
 Senator Bill Tash

**Local Governments**

Butte Chamber of Commerce

**County Agencies**

Butte Silver Bow County Commission  
 Gallatin County Commission  
 Jefferson County Commission  
 Jefferson Valley Conservation District  
 Madison-Jefferson County Extension  
 Office

**Tribal Entities**

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai  
 Tribes of the Flathead Nation  
 Crow Indian Reservation  
 Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

**Federal Government**

Bureau of Indian Affairs  
 Bureau of Land Management  
 Bureau of Reclamation  
 Department of Energy  
 Department of Interior  
 Environmental Protection Agency  
 Fish and Wildlife Service  
 Library of Congress  
 Mineral Management Service  
 National Park Service  
 Office of Environmental Policy &  
 Compliance  
 Office of Surface Mining  
 US Geological Survey National Center  
 US Government Printing Office

**State of Montana**

Department of Commerce  
 Department of Environmental Quality  
 Department of Natural Resources and  
 Conservation  
 Environmental Quality Council  
 Hard Rock Impact Board  
 Montana Chamber of Commerce  
 Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks  
 Office of the Governor  
 State Historic Preservation Office

**Individuals**

Joe and Laurie Adams  
 James Anderson  
 Paul Babcock  
 Eric Ball  
 Joe Bardswich  
 Ike Bassett  
 Dana Bauer  
 Henry Bogert  
 Steve Bundrock  
 Shane and Kari Chatriand  
 Randy Cline  
 Bill and Bernadette Conner  
 Gary and Faith Cooper  
 Roberta Coppinger  
 Joe Davis  
 Mary Davis  
 Bob Dedominic  
 Kenneth Dodd  
 Jim Ellerton  
 Jessie Felsheim  
 Meryl and Lacy Fitzpatrick  
 Jerry Fleege  
 Larry Fulford  
 Donald Gillespie  
 Jerry Gray  
 Dick and Mary Gustin  
 Jerry Hanley

**Individuals (Cont.)**

Amber Henson  
Clifford Hoopes  
J.R. Huchohe  
Amber Jones  
Trenton Jones  
Rick Jonlan  
Doc Jordan  
Jim Keane  
Joe Kenworthy  
Jerr Lamb  
Victor Lazar  
Roxann Lincoln  
Robert Lonback  
John Magnus  
Tamara Mar  
Robert Marks  
Bret Martinell  
Glenn Marx  
Antone Matule  
Michael McCarthy  
James McComber  
Phillip Mulholland  
Eric Nelson  
Jerry Ocheskey  
Kenneth Paulsen  
Dan Poff  
Don Powers  
Janice Prinkki  
Dean Pryor  
Henry Reed  
Paul Richards  
Edward Ruppel  
Ellie Safratowich  
Tom Salvagni  
Betty Salvagni  
Darrell Scharf  
June Severance  
Bill and Barbara Seybert  
Debbie Bowman Shea  
Ed Simon

Bob and Connie Sims  
Richard Smith  
Bruce Stredwick  
Bob and Barb Sunderland  
Norman and Michelle Tebay  
Jim Tinger  
Charles Van Patten  
Dan Walker  
B. Warthen  
Kerry and Cassie Weightman  
Eric Williams  
Mark Williams  
Ken Wilson