

SECOND PROPOSED PLAN PUBLIC MEETING  
HELD IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST BY  
CASCADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Proposed Plan for Neihart Residential Soils  
(Operable Unit 1)  
Carpenter-Snow Creek  
Mining District Site  
Cascade County, Montana,

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TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Great Falls, Montana

Thursday, November 30th, 2006

6:30 - 7:57 P.M.

1 Karen Ekstrom with CDM started the meeting at  
2 6:40 P.M. Everyone attending introduced themselves. Karen  
3 gave a brief introduction of the proposed plan.

4 At 6:47 p.m. Bob Rennick gave a slide  
5 presentation.

6 At 7:00 p.m. Scott Brown commented on proposed  
7 plan.

8 At 7:10 informal question and answer session  
9 began. The following comment was recorded.

10 MR. McDANIEL, SR.: Neihart is not that dirty of  
11 a village. You've got one example there where somebody  
12 buried some stuff. You can't find that all over Neihart.  
13 I've dug Neihart up one end to the other. That's a very  
14 rare situation. One person did that. Neihart is clean,  
15 relatively clean.

16 If I were in charge of the money, the funds, I  
17 would take the attitude that you do the worst first. I  
18 would clean up the Queen there and the Queen dump, the  
19 Queen tailings pond. I would move out of Neihart with the  
20 funds. I would go up Carpenter Creek where it's more  
21 serious.

22 And what this gentleman talked about up at the  
23 Glory Hole, I can remember one nice, warm day when I  
24 stopped at that little stream up there to wash my hands and  
25 my face to cool off a little bit, and it about took the

1 skin off my hands and face about an hour later.

2 MR. BROWN: Acid do you think?

3 MR. McDANIEL, SR.: I'd moved up to Carpenter  
4 Creek on up towards Hughesville and take care of that where  
5 it's serious. Cleaning up Neihart is wasting federal  
6 moneys. That's my opinion.

7 MR. BROWN: I thank you for that opinion. And we  
8 took it down, sir. We got it on paper now. And thank you  
9 for that.

10 (Whereupon, a recess was taken at 7:37 p.m. to  
11 7:52 p.m.)

12 MS. EKSTROM: This is your chance on the record  
13 to tell us how you feel. There won't be a give and take.  
14 It's just going to be statements, anything positive,  
15 negative, neutral, whatever. And Joanie is going to take  
16 it down. And then it will be included in the public  
17 record, along with the comments from the Neihart meeting.  
18 And then the comments will all be addressed by EPA in  
19 writing when the response summary comes out. So if  
20 anything is on your chest, now is the time to get it out.  
21 And I think we have --

22 MR. RENNICK: We're putting the comments. Will  
23 we be putting the responses on the website too?

24 MS. EKSTROM: Right now we're putting the  
25 comments up on the website. And I'm not sure if we're

1 going to put the responses up before the document is  
2 issued. Definitely the comments will go up on the website.  
3 And I can get you the web address for that. So if you  
4 would like to look on the web, that's an avenue for you.

5 MR. BROWN: Can we add one more thing? Excuse me  
6 for interrupting.

7 MS. EKSTROM: You bet.

8 MR. BROWN: If you leave here tonight and you  
9 have a neighbor or someone else who has an interest in  
10 Neihart and they weren't here, and you want to say more or  
11 they want to say more, you can send us comments right up  
12 until December 29th. So if something occurs to you later  
13 on, send them to us.

14 MS. EKSTROM: Here is a form that will help you,  
15 so you don't have to write a whole letter, if you don't  
16 want to. It's got the address.

17 MR. BROWN: And they will become part of the  
18 official record.

19 MS. EKSTROM: And you don't have to use the form.  
20 That's just in case it's easier for you. And you can give  
21 written comments, and you can give oral comments here  
22 tonight. You can do both. You can give written comments  
23 as often as you want. In Butte I think we had someone who  
24 gave 200 written comments. I'm not sure. But it was a lot  
25 of letters.

1 If you want to raise your hand, I'll just call on  
2 you. Stand up and state your name for Joanie. And we're  
3 going to try to go with a four-minute limit so. Randy.

4 MR. GOLIGHTLY: My name is Randy Golightly. I  
5 live at Number 70 Carpenter Creek Lane. My basic concern  
6 is the tailings on Carpenter Creek. These tailings pose a  
7 serious health threat downstream. I would like to see  
8 these tailings become part of the, i.e., Superfund cleanup  
9 as soon as possible. These tailings, again, pose a super  
10 problem downstream, especially when we have heavy rains or  
11 heavy snows. Other than that, I am done commenting.

12 MS. EKSTROM: Great. Okay. Anyone else?

13 MR. McDANIEL, SR.: Well, I support your program.

14 MS. EKSTROM: Give your name.

15 MR. McDANIEL, SR.: You want my name? Well, my  
16 name is Old Man McDaniel.

17 MS. EKSTROM: Sorry, I should have remembered  
18 that.

19 MR. McDANIEL: I support your attitude and your  
20 program, and I would like to see you get to work, clean up  
21 Neihart, clean up the area. But I really believe that  
22 Carpenter Creek, Hughesville is more of a problem, should  
23 be cleaned up first. Neihart should be left to the tail  
24 end.

25 MS. EKSTROM: Okay. Great. Anyone else?

1 Well, that's a short comment period. Okay. If  
2 you think of something later, please write it down and send  
3 it in. And if you have questions later, if you have that  
4 fax sheet, Scott's phone number is in there. You can call  
5 him and ask questions of him. And that might help you to  
6 have more comments to send in. And the comment period is  
7 open until December 29th.

8 MR. BROWN: Thank you all.

9 MS. EKSTROM: Yes, thank you very much.

10 (Whereupon, the meeting was concluded at  
11 7:56 p.m.)  
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3 STATE OF MONTANA )  
4 ) ss.

5 County of Cascade )

6 I, Joan P. Agamenoni, Court Reporter and Notary  
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8 Montana, do hereby certify:

9 That I was duly authorized to and did report the  
10 public meeting in the above-entitled cause;

11 That the foregoing pages of this transcript  
12 constitute a true and accurate transcription of my  
13 stenotype notes of said comments.

14 I further certify that I am not an attorney nor  
15 counsel of any of the parties, nor a relative or employee  
16 of any attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor  
17 financially interested in the action.

18 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
19 and seal on this the 4th day of December, 2006.  
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22 Joan P. Agamenoni  
23 Court Reporter  
24 Notary Public, State of Montana  
25 Residing in Great Falls, Montana.  
My Commission expires: 5/24 2008.