

PROJECT UPDATE

PARROT TAILINGS WASTE REMOVAL PROJECT

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public and worker safety is a top priority for the Parrot Tailings Waste Removal Project. All heavy equipment and haul trucks are being kept off public streets, traveling on a dedicated non-public haul route. A safety fence has been erected around the perimeter of the Project area to prevent people from straying into the work zone. This fence will be taken down once all the work has been completed. The public is asked to please respect all fencing and signage around the Project area. It is for their safety and the safety of the workers and contractors on the Project.

Haul Road Construction



After a security fence was constructed around the Project boundaries, MK Weeden crews began constructing a private haul road to transport mine wastes from the Parrot Tailings Phase I work area to a tailings stockpile area on Montana Resources' mine permitted area. Much of the haul road was constructed on the BNSF right-of-way. The road will be used for the entire Project and will then be removed. The photo above offers a view of the haul road from MR looking west under the Shields Avenue overpass. At left, BNSF work crews install a crossing over their tracks. Below, a MK Weeden crew sets a bridge over a Northwestern Energy natural gas pipeline.

These periodic updates are intended to provide information about activities at the Parrot Tailings Waste Removal Site.

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Groundwater Performance Monitoring Plan

In 2017, NRDP drilled a network of 24 groundwater monitoring wells along the Upper Silver Bow Creek corridor to monitor the effects of the Parrot Waste Removal project. These new wells, along with the existing monitoring wells, were sampled each quarter for one year to establish the pre-project condition of the alluvial aquifer. Monitoring will continue during and post-project to determine the efficacy of the Project. The photo at right illustrates the existing groundwater (containing 0.1% copper) pumped from well GS-41-S near the center of the waste removal area. This well was abandoned so wastes in the area could be excavated.



Excavation Begins

On August 7, 2018, excavation began on the Phase I Parrot Tailings Waste Removal Project. In the photo below, clean material is stripped in order to get to the wastes underneath. This clean material was originally removed from East Butte in the late 1950's in order to expose the Berkeley Pit ore body. In the photo at right, the clean overburden is being stockpiled on site and will be used to backfill the excavation after the wastes have been removed.



Upcoming Work:

- ◆ Continued stripping and stockpiling of clean overburden
- ◆ Excavate tailings and contaminated soil—haul to Montana Resources
- ◆ Excavate slag and place in on-site repository