



TO: Public

FROM: NRDP

DATE: October 7, 2020

SUBJECT: Public Review and Comment: Draft 2020 Amendment to the Butte Area One Restoration Plan

The Natural Resource Damage Program offers this proposed 2020 Amendment to the Butte Area One Restoration Plan for a 30-day public review and consideration. This 2020 Amendment was produced in response to a request by the Butte Natural Resource Damage Restoration Council (BNRC) to provide additional input on future expenditures of restoration funds in Butte Area One (BAO).

Specifically, this joint proposal by NRDP and BNRC addresses:

- A) Administrative updates to the 2012 BAO Restoration Plan to make it consistent with this 2020 amendment and additional knowledge of injury.
- B) How excess funds--\$2.5 million—from remediation of the Streamside Tailings Operable Unit (SSTOU) would be allocated.
- C) How any remainders from DEQ's cleanup actions at Blacktail Creek and the Confluence would be spent.
- D) How remaining funds in the Small Projects' category would be spent.

For context we encourage the public to review information on the NRDP website regarding the BAO site, as well as associated documents. <https://dojmt.gov/lands/butte-area-one/>

The comment period on this Amendment will run from October 7th to November 5th, 2020. Written comments may be submitted to NRDP at nrdp@mt.gov, or by mail (postmarked on or before November 5, 2020) to: NRDP, 1720 9th Avenue, Helena, MT 59620-1425. All emailed and mailed comments must include "Public Comment: BAO Restoration Plan 2020 Amendment" in the subject line.

NRDP looks forward to reviewing your comments which will inform the restoration of natural resources in Butte for years to come.