

**Idol City Mine Project
Notice of Availability of Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis
and Administrative Record**

Notice is hereby given that the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for the Idol City Mine Project and the Administrative Record upon which it is based, are available for public review and comment. The EE/CA was prepared under the Forest Service's authority derived from Section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund; Title 42, United State Code, section 9604) and Federal Executive Order 12580, and is consistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) as found at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 300.

The EE/CA describes the Forest Service's preferred Removal Action Option of removing contaminated materials and addressing the adit discharge and open mine shaft located at the Idol City Mine Site. The Administrative Record for this response is located at the Forest Supervisor Office of the Malheur National Forest, and is available for public inspection during regular business hours, 7:30am to 4:30pm, and on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur/projects/idol/>. The Forest Service will accept written comments for 30 calendar days from the date of this notice. Upon timely receipt of a request, the comment period will be extended for 15 calendar days. The Forest Service will prepare a written response to significant comments.

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