



Why Is A Supplemental EIS Needed?

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) prepared a Draft Supplemental EIS:

- To address deficiencies identified by the U.S. District Court in its May 2010 Opinion regarding *Rock Creek Alliance et al. v. USFS, Revett Silver Company, and USFWS*. The court determined that the USFS:
 - 1) failed to clearly require Revett Silver Company (now RCR, a subsidiary of Hecla Mining Company) to implement sediment source reduction measures during Phase I of the Rock Creek Project;
 - 2) did not consider supplemental information about bull trout populations and habitat in a National Environmental Policy Act document, and
 - 3) did not show Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas clearly enough to determine effects.
- To update those resource analyses that may be substantially affected by changes in circumstances or new information using current data.

Only the specific issues associated with supplemental information are addressed in the Draft SEIS. Issues satisfactorily addressed in the 2001 FEIS are not discussed in the Draft SEIS.

Resource sections modified substantially since the 2001 Final EIS was issued:

Note: Updates focus on the preferred alternative (Alt. V)

- Kootenai Forest Plan
- Air Quality
- Geology (subsidence risk)
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Environmental Geochemistry
- Hydrology
- Water Rights
- Aquatic Life and Fisheries
- Biodiversity
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Socioeconomics

