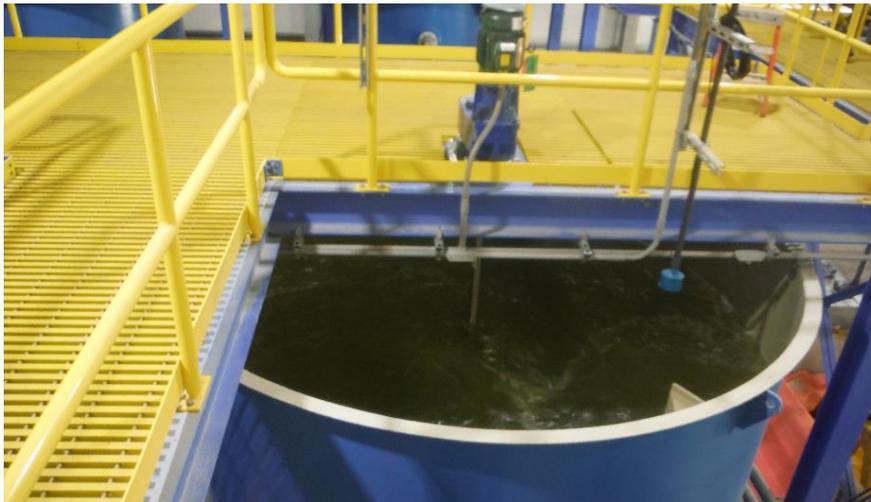


HOLDEN MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT

Holden Mine Construction Update for April 2016

Early season work continued on the Holden Mine Remediation Site in Holden, Washington. Crews began mobilizing back to the construction site in late April. Warm temperatures in April resulting in rapid snow melt, combined with the increased water flow from the 2015 Wolverine fire scar, created muddy working conditions throughout the construction site.

A major mile stone in the Remediation project was reached this month with the completion of the Mine Water Treatment Plant (MWTP). It is in operation, with water from the groundwater collection system and from the main mine portal being treated at the MWTP. It has the capacity to treat 1,340 gallons per minute of contaminated mine water. MWTP operators continue to calibrate the system to manage the consistency of the sludge, and water will be tested regularly as it is released back into Railroad Creek.



Testing the sludge conditioning tank equipment

Work on the rock quarry was completed this month and crews have begun early stages of site reclamation and restoration. Daily maintenance and grading continued on FS Road 8301 from Lucerne to Holden and progress was made on the temporary housing unit located at Dan's Camp.



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Copper Creek – Removal of temporary discharge piping

In other news, Rio Tinto hosted its annual Holden Cleanup Informational Meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce in Chelan, Washington. The event took place on April 28th and had a great turnout from local residents and business owners, as well as interested individuals from outside the community. Presentations were given by Rio Tinto Project Owner, Dave Cline and Chelan District Ranger, Kari Grover-Wier. A permanent digital display about the Holden Mine Remediation Project is on display at the Chelan Chamber, please stop in and check it out!



Completed Mine Water Treatment Plant