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Pole Canyon Construction—Progress Made Winter of 2007

After the preferred alternative was signed on October 2, 2006 by the Regional Forester Jack Troyer, J.R. Simplot Co. (Simplot) started construction on the Pole Canyon diversion. This diversion will divert Pole Canyon Creek, before it flows beneath a waste rock overburden disposal area (ODA), as part of the plan to remediate contaminant releases from Smoky Canyon Phosphate Mine.

Despite early good weather heat technology was needed as Simplot continued construction into January 2007. Accomplishments include:

1. Installation of 30" pipeline to divert Pole Canyon Creek around the Pole Canyon ODA.
2. Construction of the diversion structure on upper Pole Creek,

and the energy dissipation structure in lower Pole Creek.

3. Construction of the run-on ditch on the north side of the ODA and infiltration gallery will be completed in the spring 2007.

Proper monitoring is required to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed actions. Monitoring will start in the spring of 2007 to detect changes in surface and groundwater quality.

Initially laying the pipeline and finally constructing the infiltration system are critical in order to divert the spring run-off in 2007 and the expected surge of selenium contamination into area waters.

Once the weather in the early spring of 2007 has subsided, construction workers will complete any remaining construction on the run-on control structure and infiltration gallery.



Pipeline installation



Hydro seeding pipeline diversion access road

Information Highlights:

- Pole Canyon construction almost complete
- Visit our website for proposed interview dates and contact information
- Next newsletter April 2007

For more information or download documents, visit:

- www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/
- <http://giscenter-ims.isu.edu/SISP/>

Pubic Interview Process Continues



30" - high density polyethylene pipe

The next step for Pole Canyon is to conduct additional public interviews. This will help the agency identify concerns as the Forest Service converts to a more comprehensive process under CERLA. A request for personal interviews will be published in the Star Valley Independent and Caribou

County Sun newspapers late January 2007. If you are interested in being interviewed, please contact Joanna Wilson, 208-524-7500 or cercla@fs.fed.us to make an appointment. The Forest will only interview those who have an appointment. Dates and locations will be identified in the public notice and on our website.