

## Information on CERCLA and projects conducted under CERCLA

Most projects on Forest Service and BLM land are covered by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the agencies and the public are used to operating in this framework. However, actions relating to cleanup of hazardous waste, such as tanker truck spills and abandoned mines, are covered under a different set of laws: the **Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)**. CERCLA requires public involvement and analysis of alternatives, and in that way is very similar to NEPA. The community involvement steps in the types of CERCLA actions we generally undertake (which are called “non-time-critical removal actions”) include:

1. Scoping and community interviews.
2. **Preliminary Assessment and Site Investigation (PA/SI)**.
3. Administrative Record file available to community.
4. 30-day public review of **Engineering Evaluation/Cost Assessment**. (**EE/CA** shows different alternatives, similar to an Environmental Assessment under NEPA regulations). Selected Alternative is documented in a **Removal Action Memo (RAM)**.

Projects to which CERCLA applies are **not** also analyzed under the NEPA process. For questions about the CERCLA process, call Stephanie Odell (385-1353).

In an effort to use existing public-notification channels, we will include CERCLA projects in this newsletter.

### Current CERCLA projects are as follows:

CERCLA Project Name	Proposed CERCLA Project and Contact Person	Expected Date of Document Availability	Project Decision Date	Legal Location	Type of Document	Project Status as of 4/01/2009
Bonner Mine (USFS)	Stabilize mine waste dump. STEPHANIE ODELL (385-1353)	On hold	On hold	T41N, R8W, sec 3	EE/CA	On hold
Eureka Channel	Channel restoration and tailings removal; Animas River drainage. STEPHANIE ODELL (385-1353)	2010	2011	T42N, R6W, sec 30, 31	PA/SI	Scoping
North Calif. Mtn.	Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation. STEPHANIE ODELL (385-1353)	2010	2011	T42N, R7W, sec 2	PRP/PA/SI	Scoping
Grand Mogul Mine	Mine waste removal. STEPHANIE ODELL (385-1353)	On hold	On hold	T42N, R7W, sec 9	EE/CA	On hold
Joe & John Mine	Adit drainage. STEPHANIE ODELL (385-1353)	2009	2009	T42N, R7W, sec 21	Design	Scoping