

Clean-Up and Habitat Restoration at the Silver Crescent Mine and Mill near Kellogg, ID

A sign of things to come in the Coeur d'Alene Basin

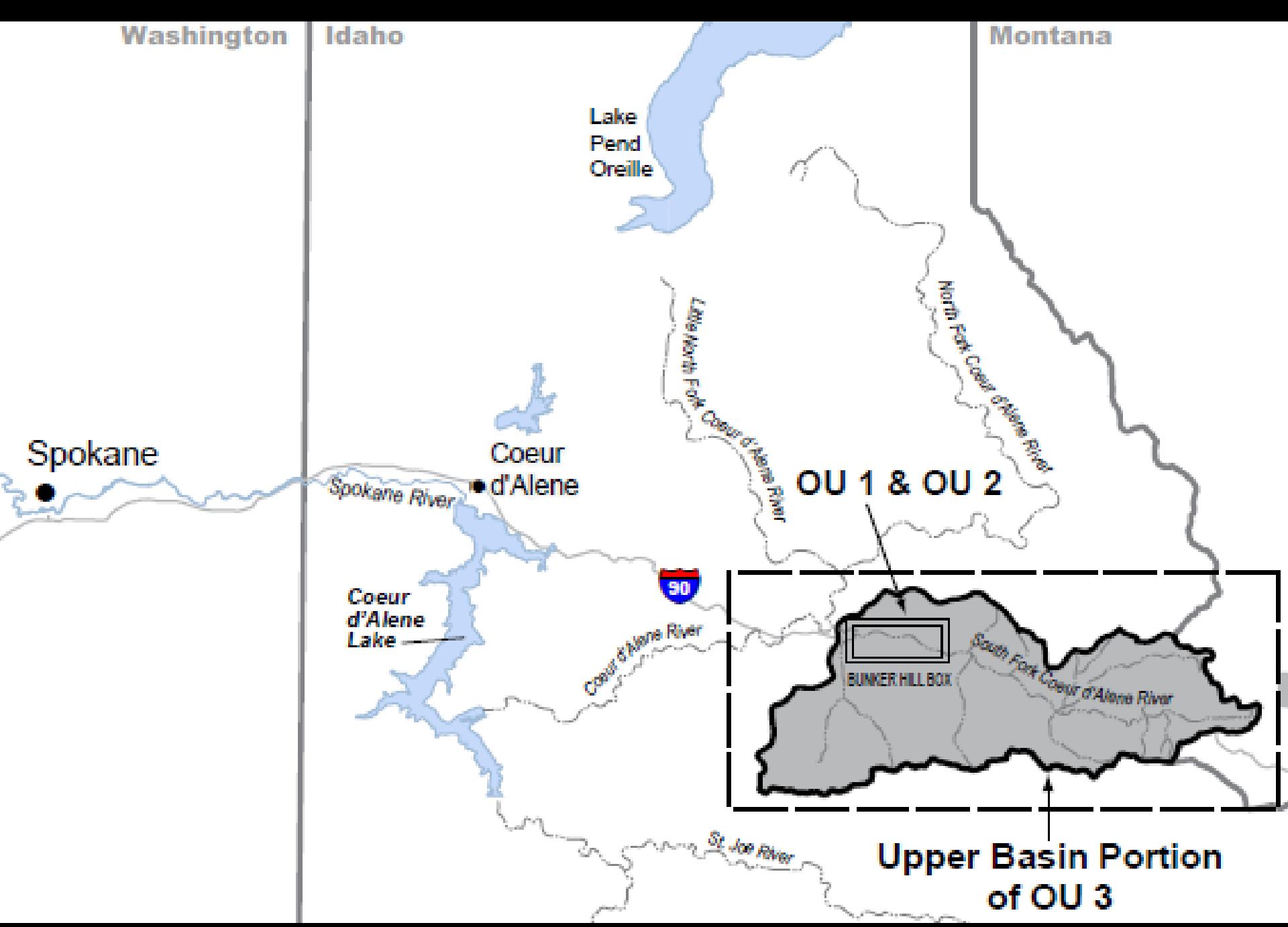
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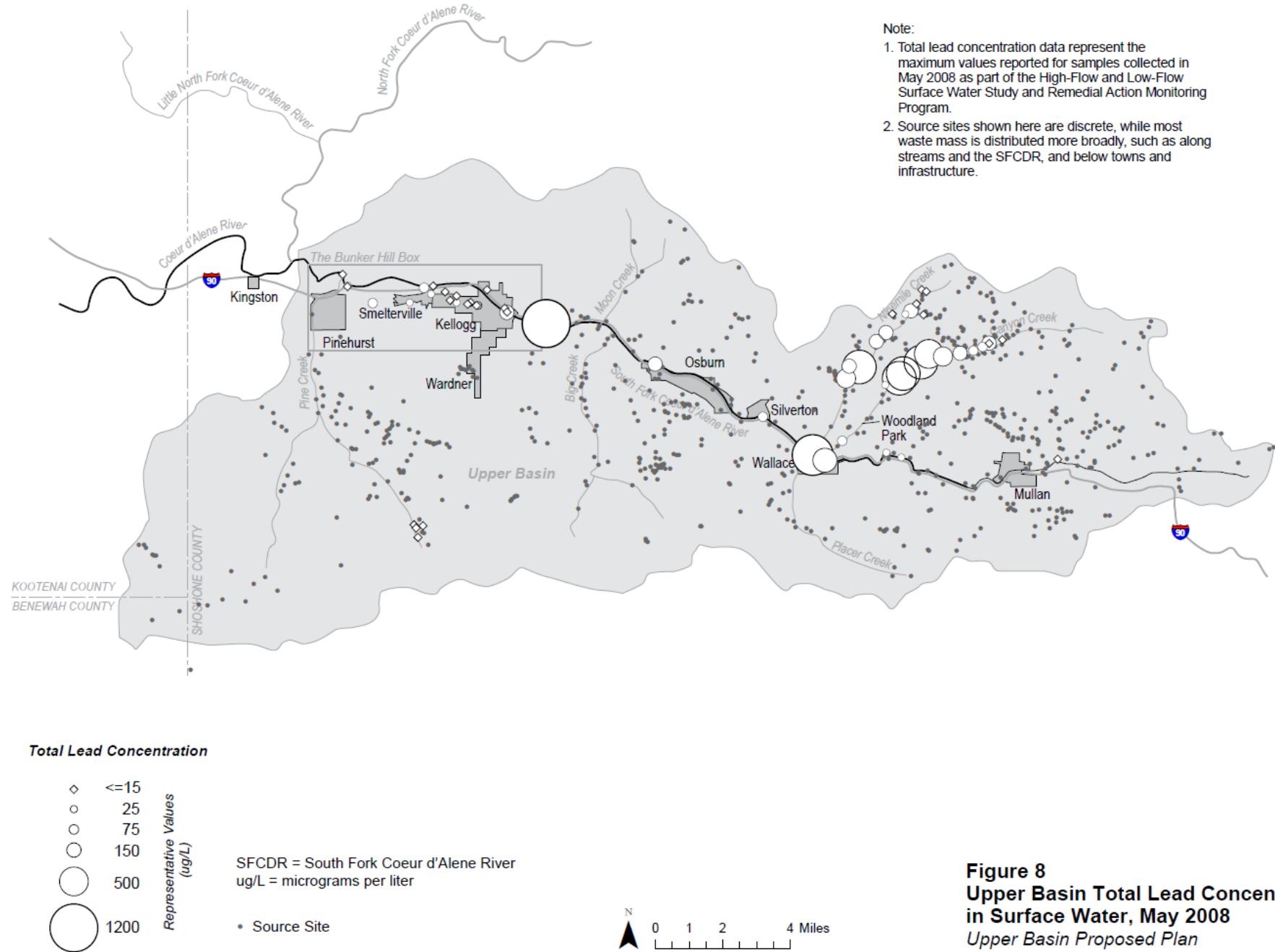


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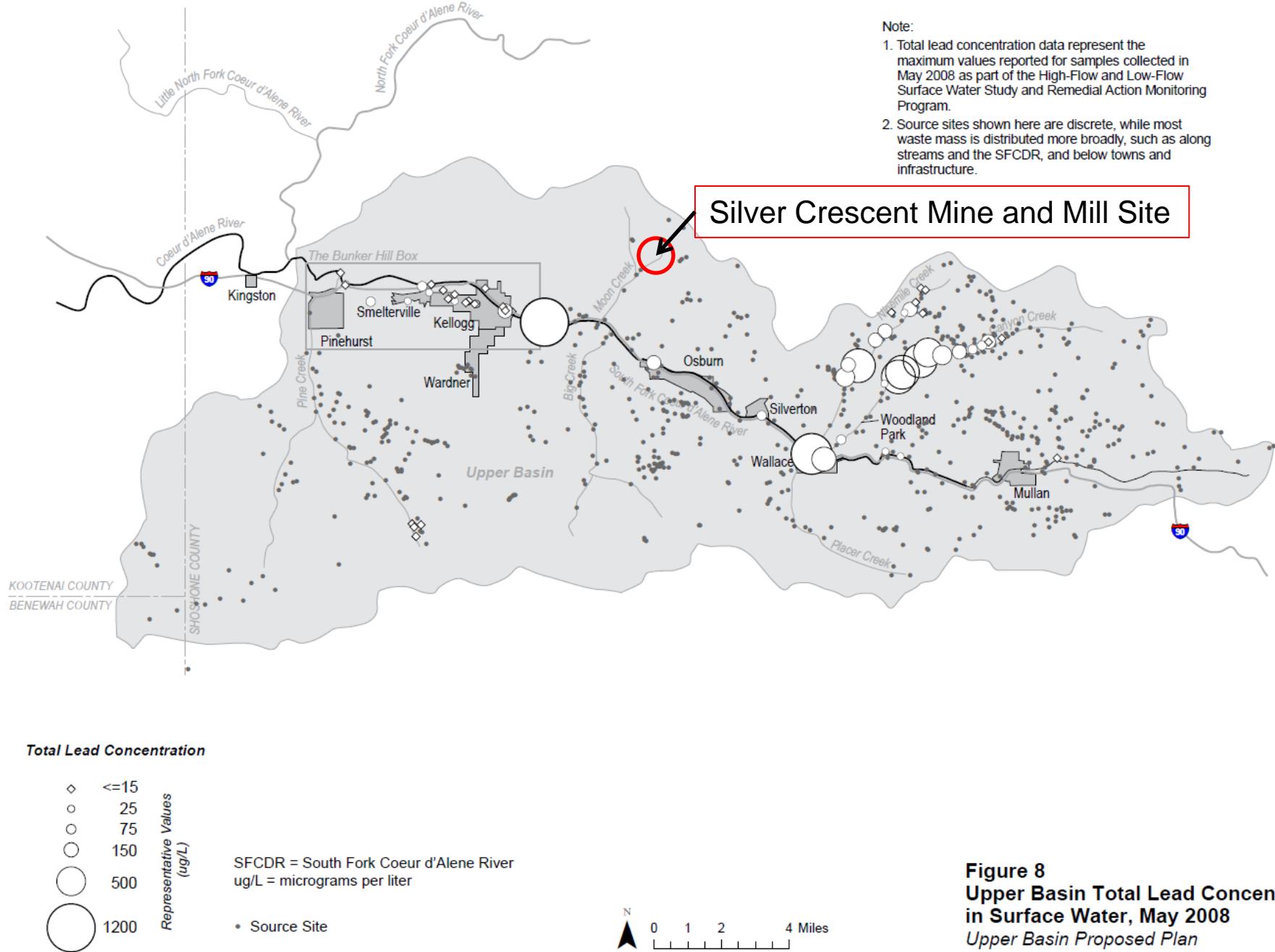


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20 Acre Site

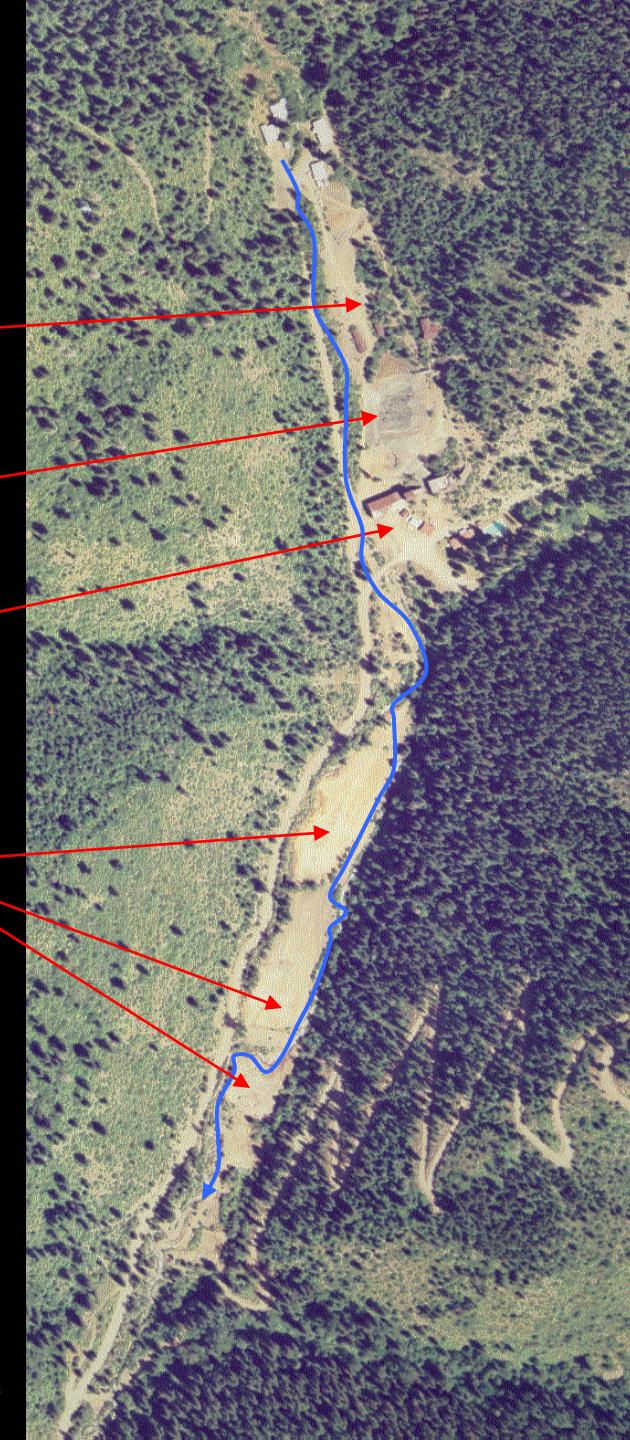
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Waste Rock Dumps

Flotation Mill Area

Tailings Impoundments

Moon Creek Residential
Area: 1.5 miles downstream







Site Problems:

- Release of Lead, Zinc, Cadmium, Copper, Mercury, and Arsenic from site
 - Dissolved and suspended load of Moon Creek
- Human Health Hazard
 - Near a residential area
 - Popular recreation site

History of Action at the Site:

- 1993 – 1996 Site Investigation
- 1995 – 1996 PRP Search
- 1998 – 2000 Removal Action
- 2001 – Monitoring
- 2004 - Restoration Planning and Data Collection
- 2006 - 2008 Habitat Restoration





BEFORE



AFTER

8/21/2001 5:09pm



Removal Completed in 2000

Final Repository

Volume = 130,000 cubic yards

Total Removal Cost:

1.9 Million (USFS)

Site Reclaimed

- **Successful Removal Action**
- **Human Health Hazards abated**
- **No Releases, Clean Water / Sed.**
- **Stable site – few maint. issues**
- **5 years of monitoring**

Challenges:

- Fish Habitat Quality and Quantity
- Adapt Stream for Habitat Restoration W / Repository
- Revegetation – Wildlife Habitat
- Reestablishment of Riparian and Wetland Areas
- Weeds

Habitat Restoration Demonstration Project

Partners:

- USFS
- Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission
- Silver Mountain Ski Area
- Coeur d'Alene Basin Natural Resource Trustees

Primary Contractor:

On-Site Construction (Rathdrum, ID)

Restoration Goals

- Reduction in Erosion – protection of repository
- Increased Fish Habitat Quality and Quantity – improved spawning and overwintering conditions
- Thorough Native Revegetation
- Reestablishment of Riparian Area and Wetlands
- Improved Amphibian Habitat
- Improved Elk Forage

Restoration Demonstration

- **Vegetative Restoration**
 - Stabilize stream banks
 - Weed treatment
 - Provide shade for stream
 - Provide browse for big game
 - Provide nesting opportunities for migratory birds
 - Add aesthetic value to site



Application Rate / Acre

- 24 lbs. Seed
- 850 lbs. Fertilizer
- 1750 lbs. Mulch
- 50 lbs. Tackifier



Hydraulic Planting
- 5,300 Willow
- 2,600 Cottonwood
- 2,600 Red-Osier Dogwood



Manual Planting
- 2,685 *Emergents*
- 4,352 *Shrubs*
- 1,713 *Trees*



Restoration Demonstration

- **Wetland Creation / Enhancement**
- **Wildlife Habitat Structures**
 - Provide hiding cover for small mammals and amphibians
 - Provide micro-sites for vegetative recovery
 - Add stability to landscape
 - Add aesthetic value to site

Restoration Demonstration



- **Fish Habitat Structures**
 - Provide pool habitat for fish
 - Provide for stable stream channel
 - Protect the repository

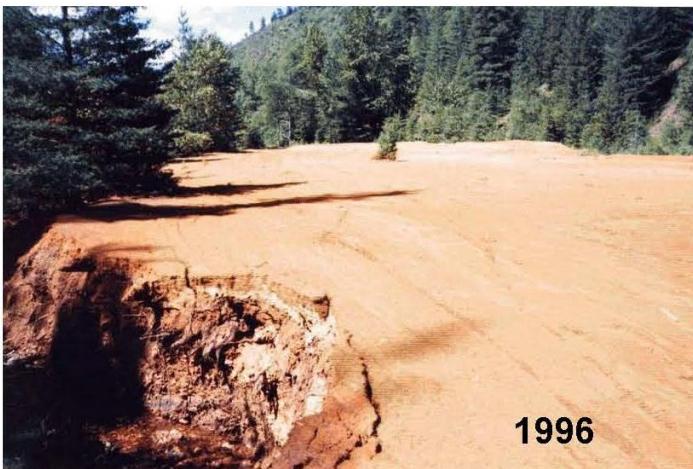


- *4,000 ft. of channel*
- *450 logs*
- *94 pool forming structures*
- *10,000 yards of soil*
- *18,555 plants*
- *3.7 acres of wetlands*
- *12 acres of weed treatment and hydro-seeding*









**Silver Crescent Site
Lower End Before and After**



Monitoring (5 years)

- **Electrofishing Transects**
- **Habitat Surveys**
- **Water Quality**
- **Photo Points – Vegetation**
- **Cross Section / Long Profile**
- **Final Report in 2012**

Demonstration Project Budget:

Design / Contract / Admin	\$ 65,000
Construction / Reveg.	\$440,000
Monitoring / Reports	\$ 65,500
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Project Cost Total	\$570,500

Partners:

<i>Basin Commission</i>	\$315,730
<i>Cd'A Basin NRDA Trustees</i>	\$ 95,000
<i>Silver Mountain Corp.</i>	\$ 85,974
<i>(Remainder USFS approx. 75K)</i>	

