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The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has published a Proposed Plan in conjunction with the US Environmental Protection Agency that identifies a preferred remedy for the cleanup of the Rio Tinto Mine Site located in northern Elko County, NV approximately 2.5 miles south of Mountain City. The Rio Tinto Mine Site is a historic copper mine that operated at various times since 1932. Mining related materials including tailings piles remain at the site and represent a source of metal bearing, acidic water to Mill Creek and the East Fork of the Owyhee River.

The Proposed Plan provides details on the preferred cleanup alternative in addition to other alternatives being considered for the site. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is seeking public comment on the Proposed Plan until November 22, 2010. A copy of the Proposed Plan can be obtained on-line at http://ndep.nv.gov/bca/rio_tinto.htm. Copies have also been distributed and will be available for pick-up at the Elko County Library, Elko County Museum, and Owyhee Post Office.

A public meeting to present the plan and accept comments on the preferred alternative and other alternatives is scheduled for November 9, 2010 in Elko.

Public Meeting Details

Rio Tinto Mine Site Proposed Plan

Preferred Cleanup and Alternatives

Date: November 9, 2010
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Nevada Department of Wildlife, Conference Room
60 Youth Center Road
Elko, NV 89801