**NOTICE:** **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT**

**PERMIT NO.:** **WA0052434**

**APPLICANT:** **CROWN RESOURCES CORPORATION**
**363 FISH HATCHERY ROAD**
**REPUBLIC, WA 99166**

**FACILITY:** **BUCKHORN MOUNTAIN MINE**

Crown Resources Corporation has applied for renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. WA0052434 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 173-220 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and the Federal Clean Water Act.

Following evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit has been developed which would allow the discharge of treated Mine Water effluent to surface waters in Gold Bowl Creek, Nicholson Creek, and Marias Creek and untreated non industrial storm water to ground from its facility located at the Buckhorn Mountain Mine, Okanogan County. All discharges to be in compliance with the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Standards for a permit to be issued.

A tentative determination has been made to issue a proposed permit based on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION
The draft permit and fact sheet may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wqreports/public/f?p=110:302:0::NO:RP,302:: . The application and other related documents are available at Ecology's Central Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Central Regional Office, please call Roger Johnson at 509/454-7658, e-mail roger.johnson@ecy.wa.gov , or write to the address below.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted by October 21, 2013 to be considered for the final determination. E-mail comments should be sent to cynthia.huwe@ecy.wa.gov . Comments should be sent to:

Cindy Huwe
Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200
Yakima, WA 98902

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The request should be sent to the above address. Ecology will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. Any party responding to this notice with comments will be mailed a copy of a hearing public notice.

If you require special accommodations or need this document in a format for the visually impaired, call Cindy Huwe at 509-457-7105. Persons with hearing loss can call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability can call 877-833-6341.

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