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## BLOCK P MILL TAILINGS RECLAMATION WORK NEARS COMPLETION

The Forest Service is requesting the public to stay away from the Block P Mill Tailings site in the Dry Fork of the Little Belt Mountains, Lewis and Clark National Forest, where Doe Run Resources Company is completing revegetation work as part of a mining reclamation project which began in 2004. The Block P Mill Tailings site is located approximately 40 miles southeast of Great Falls and is part of the Barker-Hughesville Superfund site.

Cleanup work at the site entailed excavating approximately 50,000 cubic yards of tailings and contaminated soil and placing them within an on-site repository. In 2005, the site was graded and covered with impervious material and shrubs were planted before winter weather halted work. This year, the site has been hydromulched, and additional shrubs and trees will be planted on disturbed areas during the next couple of weeks. The reclamation project cost several million dollars to complete.

Some off-road damage already has occurred at the site; so, the area will be fenced following planting, but in the meantime, the Forest Service is asking that visitors to the area stay off the site. A graveled pullout has been established for those interested in viewing the reclamation project.

For more information, call staff at the Belt Creek Ranger District, (406) 236-5511.

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