

Libby Asbestos Superfund Site

Q: I'm starting to see asbestos warning signs in and around some of the creek beds. What gives?

A: It was brought to the attention of the EPA that some creek embankments have large, solid asbestos rocks as part of the erosion control "rip-rap." Investigating further, we learned that kids regularly use these rocks to build dams to create swimming holes or ice rinks. This is potentially a very hazardous situation.

So far, we have discovered the material only in Flower and Granite Creeks. EPA will conduct a thorough survey of all the creeks within the Superfund Site as soon as water levels subside so we can see as much as possible. In the meantime, the signs will warn people of the potential exposure risk.

For more information or to report asbestos contamination in other creeks, contact the EPA Information Center, 501 Mineral Avenue in Libby (406-293-6194).