

## **Section 15 Coordination with Natural Resource Damage Restoration Actions**

The Butte Priority Soils OU has received considerable attention from the State Natural Resource Trustees, as described in section 107(f) of CERCLA. The State has undertaken efforts to develop restoration plans and/or secure restoration money from potentially responsible parties to restore the BPSOU to baseline conditions, or the condition that would exist absent the release of hazardous substances. The State developed and will further refine a restoration plan which, if implemented, would provide for certain actions to restore the injured resources or replace the loss of use of such resources. The State's existing plan is likely to be revised following the issuance of this Record of Decision.

The Selected Remedy is not intended to and will not restore natural resources in the BPSOU to baseline conditions.

The State Trustee may select restoration actions applicable to portions of the BPSOU. If this occurs, EPA will work with the Trustee in the design and implementation of the remedial action to coordinate the implementation of the Selected Remedy with these restoration actions to avoid duplication of effort and unnecessary costs and to maximize benefits to the area, where feasible and practical, and where coordination will not result in substantial delays to remedy implementation.

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