



East Smoky Panel Mine Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Action Overview

- BLM, Lead Agency; USFS, Co-lead; IDEQ and IDL, Cooperating Agencies
- Project would be on federal and split-estate* lands
- Involves federal mineral leases IDI-015259, IDI-26843, and IDI-012890
- Lease IDI-015259 may be modified to add 120 acres
- Amendment of the Caribou Forest Plan would be required to relocate a utility corridor
- Project includes a single north-south linear open pit
- 12 years of mining in 6 phases, from north to south
- Overburden would be placed in the East Smoky Panel pit and Panel B
- A geologic store and release cover would be used to cover the run of mine material
- Pit dewatering could be needed
- Two existing power lines would be rerouted
- Reclamation would be concurrent with mining
- Proposed mine-related disturbance would be 847 acres; of which 837 acres would be reclaimed at the end of the project
- 10 acres of unreclaimed highwall would be on split estate* lands

Other project components include:

- Topsoil stockpiles
- Reclamation material borrow areas
- Stormwater ponds and ditches
- Dewatering pipeline
- External haul road
- Existing facilities and infrastructure that have been previously permitted would be utilized

*Split-estate lands are those where the surface rights are in private ownership and the rights to develop the mineral resources are publicly held and managed by the federal government. In this Project the surface rights of split estate lands are owned by Simplot.