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NOW OPEN: NEW SMELTER ROAD SOIL REPOSITORY IN EAST HELENA CLOSED: EAST FIELDS SOIL REPOSITORY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Montana Environmental Trust Group (METG) have closed the East Fields Soil Repository (at Highway 12 near Highway 518) and opened a new soil repository on the west side of Smelter Road. See [Figure 1](#). Residents, contractors, and businesses wishing to dispose of soil at the new Smelter Road Repository **must call or text** in advance **Stan Hohn at 406-461-3752** or **Mark Rhodes at 406-431-1637** to arrange for soil disposal. See [Figure 2](#) for directions to the new Smelter Road Soil Repository.

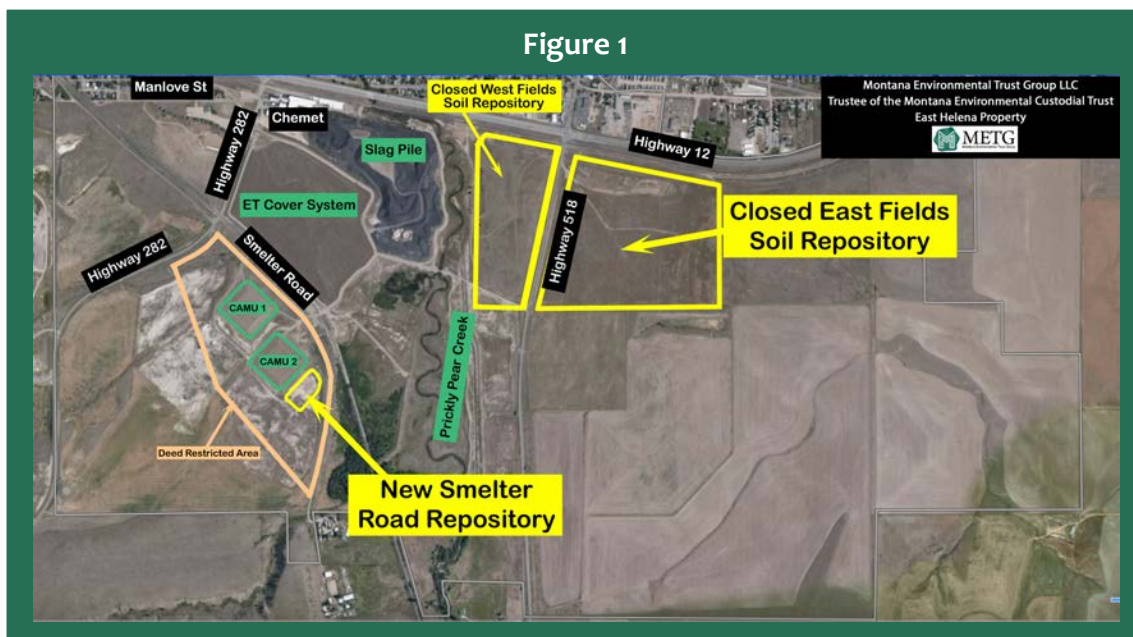


Figure 2
Directions to Smelter Road Soil Repository

From Helena

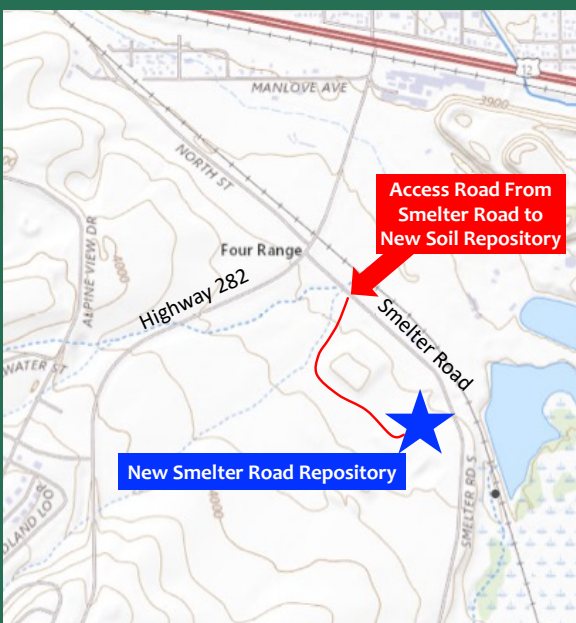
Take Highway 12 (Highway 287) east toward East Helena. Turn right onto Highway 282 at traffic light. Proceed $\pm 4/10$ of a mile to Smelter Road. Turn left onto Smelter Road. Turn right onto the first driveway off Smelter Road.

From Townsend

Take Highway 287 (Highway 12) west toward East Helena. Turn left onto Highway 282 at the traffic light. Proceed $\pm 4/10$ of a mile to Smelter Road. Turn left onto Smelter Road. Turn right onto the first driveway off Smelter Road.

From Montana City

Take Highway 518 north toward East Helena until it ends at Highway 12. Make a left onto Highway 12 at the traffic light. Travel $\pm 7/10$ of a mile to the traffic light at Highway 282. Turn left onto Highway 282. Proceed $\pm 4/10$ of a mile to Smelter Road. Make a left turn onto Smelter Road. Turn right onto the first driveway off Smelter Road.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Soil Displacement Permit Requirements

As a reminder to residents from East Helena and nearby communities, a soil displacement permit may be required if you plan to displace or relocate one or more cubic yards of soil (± 1 truckload). Soil displacement does not include tilling if no excess soil is removed from the area. This is required under the [Lewis and Clark County Soil Ordinance](#). See “Getting a Permit is Easy and Free of Charge” below.

Contractor Certification

Please remember that you or your contractor must be certified to displace soil. Like the soil displacement permit, certification is easy to obtain and FREE! Please contact Steve Thennis from the East Helena LEAP team at sthennis@lccountymt.gov or 406-447-8385 to get certified. Certification requires only a brief online tutorial and exam, or we will come to your jobsite to certify you in person.

Getting a Permit is Easy and Free of Charge

1. Visit the East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program (LEAP) [Website](#).
2. Complete a [Soil Displacement Permit Application](#).
3. LEAP will review your application to ensure that adequate protections are in place.
4. LEAP will issue you a permit that will provide specific conditions and precautions.
5. LEAP will conduct a brief site inspection once your excavation work is complete to confirm all permit requirements have been met.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

To dispose of soil at the new Smelter Road Repository

Stan Hohn, 406-461-3752, tsconsultingmt@yahoo.com
Mark Rhodes, 406-431-1637, mrhodes@hydrometrics.com

For questions about getting a permit and certification from LEAP

Steve Thennis, 406-447-8385, sthennis@lccountymt.gov

For information about cleanup at the former ASARCO smelter in East Helena

Bridget Williams (EPA), 406-594-8792, williams.bridget@epa.gov
Cindy Brooks (METG), 617-448-9762, cb@g-etg.com