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## FINAL agenda Environmental Quality Council

Aug. 14-16, 2024  
Libby, Mont.

Agenda times are approximate

Field trip stops are limited to council members and confirmed guests. Guests must be confirmed by Aug. 9 by contacting Jolanda Songer, council secretary, at (406)444-0502 or [jolanda.songer@legmt.gov](mailto:jolanda.songer@legmt.gov). Guests must provide their own transportation.

### Wed., Aug. 14

8 a.m. Call to order, roll call (Ponderosa Room, Libby City Hall, 952 E. Spruce)

- Chairman Gunderson

8:05 a.m. Meeting overview

- Jason Mohr, legislative environmental analyst

8:15 a.m. Status of Libby Asbestos Site Superfund cleanup, Operating Unit 3

- W.R. Grace: Current site status
- USFS: Management of forested areas adjacent to OU3
- Lincoln Co. Asbestos Response Program
- Libby Asbestos Superfund Oversight Committee
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

9 a.m. Overview of field trip sites

- Bruce Vincent, Environomics

9:15 a.m. Recess; travel to OU3

Noon Lunch for council members at Rainy Creek (provided)

1 p.m. Travel to Libby exploration site

2 p.m. Tour Libby exploration site

5 p.m. Return to Libby City Hall

6 p.m. Dinner (on own)

Thurs., Aug. 15

8 a.m. Call to order, reconvene (Ponderosa Room, Libby City Hall, 952 E. Spruce)

- Chairman Gunderson

8:15 a.m. Director's report

- FWP
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

8:30 a.m. Adaptive management: Improving Grizzly bear habitat

- Hecla
- USFWS
- FWP
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

9:15 a.m. Shared Master Stewardship Agreement/Good Neighbor Authority

- Lincoln Co.
- USFS
- DNRC
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

10:15 a.m. Lake Koocanusa Selenium, HJ37 (2021) and Triennial water quality review

- Committee staff
- DEQ
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

10:45 a.m. Director's reports

- DNRC
- DEQ
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

11:15 a.m. Recess; travel to field trip stops, including:

- Lunch at Halfway House Bar and Grill, 19824 Bull Lake Road (Troy)
- Tour of adaptive management forest research site
- Tour of Hecla Troy Mine reclamation site

2 p.m. Travel to Pine Flats Shared Stewardship forestry site (Libby)

3 p.m. Tour of Pine Flats site

4 p.m. Return to Libby City Hall

5 p.m. Dinner at Chairman Gunderson's house (TBD)

Fri., Aug. 16

8 a.m. Call to order, reconvene (Ponderosa Room, Libby City Hall, 952 E. Spruce)

- Chairman Gunderson

8:05 a.m. Overview of interim work: HJ18 draft report

- Jason Mohr, committee staff
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

8:30 a.m. Administrative rule review

- Jason Mohr, committee staff
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, action

9 a.m. Fire season update

- USFS
- DNRC
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

10 a.m. Wildlife overpass funding

- TBD
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

10:30 a.m. Conservation easements and mineral rights

- Peter Scott, WRH Nevada Properties LLC
- Green Diamond Resource Co.
- FWP
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

11:30 a.m. Public comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of the EQC

11:45 a.m. Administrative matters

- Directions to staff
- September meeting date

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

Note:

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