

# **Public Comment Period Remediation of Picnic Flats Catchment Basin**

The Remediation Division of the Tribe's Environmental Programs Department (EPD) is providing a public comment period regarding the remediation of the Picnic Flats Catchment Basin through the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Brownfields program. The site is located at 37.0145 N, -108.0434 W. The legal description is NW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 16, Township 32N, Range 11W. An asbestos sampling report was conducted in March 2026 and discovered the presence of Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM) that exceeded the 1% asbestos EPA regulatory threshold as a contaminant of concern. During the asbestos sampling event, four soil samples demonstrated no ACM contamination in soils. Cleanup involves the removal of the existing ACM containing basin liner using machinery and the transport and disposal of the basin liner to a regulated landfill. The project is expected to commence during the summer of 2026 and is expected to take 1-3 days to complete. The goal of this project is to remove the ACM so risks to human health, livestock, wildlife and the environment are diminished, and allow the site to be reused in the future. For all interested Tribal members and community members, a comment period will begin on May 1, 2026, and will end at the close of business on June 1, 2026. To view the cleanup plan and/or the asbestos sampling report, or to provide written comment, please contact EPD Brownfields Program at one of the options below. You can submit your request and/or comment to [wfarmer@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:wfarmer@southernute-nsn.gov), or mail to: Brownfields Program, Environmental Programs Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, Ignacio, Colorado 81137.