

Q. Why did Flambeau reclaim the West Rail Spur?

- A. In the fall of 2003/spring of 2004 the former west rail spur was reclaimed to eliminate small amounts of residual ore mixed within the ballast rock. To further improve storm water management at the Industrial Outlot, Flambeau proposed additional work which is planned to remove gravel from the unreclaimed parking lots that still contain small amounts of residual granules of copper ore from past mining activities. The parking lots will be paved to serve commercial occupants and direct runoff to a collection ditch flowing to the biofilter.



Reclaimed West Railroad Spur in foreground (Second year growth) in the Industrial Outlot at Flambeau

This work plan addressing these additional measures was initiated by Flambeau and submitted to the DNR for approval. The work plan is an action plan that will involve the combination of grading, removal of old granular road bed and parking area material, asphalt paving and replacement of the drainage channel to the biofilter. Stormwater management practices at the site will continue. Flambeau is committed to ongoing management of the site as part of our promise to protect the Flambeau River.

As noted above, the biofilter that treats runoff from the Industrial Outlot is functioning extremely well. The levels of copper in the water flowing out of the biofilter into Stream C are equal to or lower than background concentrations along State Highway 27. This is important information that has been submitted to the WDNR. Opponents of the Flambeau Mine have chosen to ignore this information in their press statements.