

## ***Town of Dubois Voluntary Remediation Program Project***

**Location:** South of Dubois, Wyoming (between Highway 26/287 and the Wind River)

**Project Sponsor:** Town of Dubois

### **Project Goals:**

- Determine potential for water and land contamination at the former Louisiana Pacific sawmill site.
- Apply for state and federal funding for an Environmental Assessment (EA) and cleanup funds.
- Coordinate water quality monitoring efforts with the Dubois - Crowheart Conservation District to obtain water quality data in the vicinity of the site.
- Perform any necessary soil and water remediation as a result of the EA from available state and federal funding sources.
- Inform Town of Dubois residents on activities associated with the project and solicit public input on restoration and remediation options.
- Restore riparian habitat functions along the Wind River.



Bob Baker (on right) and Gari Epp stand in front of the old Louisiana Pacific sawmill site disposal debris pile that is adjacent to the Wind River. The Dubois - Crowheart Conservation District is monitoring the water quality of the Wind River in the vicinity of the project site.

**Project Information:** Louisiana Pacific operated a sawmill facility on a parcel of land near Dubois approximately 75 acres in size from the late 1940's to the closing of the mill in 1987. The subject parcel is a State of Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) documented contaminated site as a result of leaking underground storage tanks. The southeast corner of the parcel is adjacent to the Wind River and was used as a disposal site from operations associated with the sawmill. Another area of concern for the project site is the disposal area since a variety of potential contaminants were buried there. A grant request for potential state and federal funds for an environmental assessment through the *Voluntary Remediation Program Brownfields Application* was completed by the Big Horn Basin RC&D for the Town of Dubois. The current status of the project is the application was accepted, \$200,000 in DEQ grant funding was used by the Town of Dubois for an environmental assessment (now completed), and another DEQ grant was prepared and recently submitted for cleanup purposes.

Coordination efforts by the Big Horn Basin RC&D with the Dubois - Crowheart Conservation District has resulted in water quality monitoring efforts being performed by the Conservation District in the vicinity of the subject parcel. The water quality data will be included as part of the information collected for the project which has been on-going for the past three years.

### **Participating Agencies and Organizations:**

- Town of Dubois
- Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
- The Nature Conservancy
- Big Horn Basin RC&D Council
- Dubois - Crowheart Conservation District
- Wyoming Game and Fish Department

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