

## Weekly Update

# Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site

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These weekly updates are intended to provide you with the latest information about remediation, restoration and redevelopment activities at the Milltown Reservoir.

**Status:** The Milltown Reservoir cleanup project is going well and is on schedule for dam removal in spring 2008. Poor visibility and weather conditions have temporarily halted much of the site construction work. Weather permitting, work will resume 2/14/07.

### Currently:

- Installation of the silt fencing along the Clark Fork River was completed last week. Silt fencing will help keep soils from eroding into the river from storm water run-off.
- Clark Fork River flood berm construction began last week. Upon its completion, construction of the flood berm on the Blackfoot River will begin. All flood berms will be finished by April 2007—before high flow.
- Workers are taking advantage of the work delay to repair the haul roads
- When work resumes, workers will begin screening rock.
- Work will continue on construction of on-site haul road at the base of I-90.
- Soils gradation work will also continue. This work is needed to ensure that riprap and soils used on site are appropriate for construction of the by-pass channel berms, haul roads, flood berms, etc.



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## Upcoming Meetings

- Tomorrow, Feb. 15, 2007 4-7 pm in the Bonner School Gym Missoula County is hosting an Open House to discuss designs for pedestrian trail along Hwy 210 E from Bonner School to Piltzville
- Feb. 27, 2007 10 am Health & Safety Mtg. Piltzville Fire Station
- Feb. 27, 2007 6:30 pm Milltown Redevelopment Working Group at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bonner
- Meeting re: Hwy 200 Bridge—Date TBD

### Community Involvement

The Milltown Community Information Office is now open! It is located near the Milltown Market at 315 Anaconda in Milltown. EPA staff will be available to meet with the public every Tuesday from noon until 3:30 pm. The phone number is 258-5155.

Stop by to talk, ask questions or to simply say "hi!"

### Highway 200 Bridge over the Blackfoot

In planning for removal of the Milltown Dam and the contaminated sediments behind the dam, it became clear that the 5 bridges over the Blackfoot River will have to be upgraded, replaced or removed. These bridges are the two I-90 bridges, the State Highway 200 Bridge, the County's Pedestrian Bridge, and Montana Rail Link's railroad bridge. This bridge work is critical and must happen before the dam spillway is removed in spring 2008.

The MT Department of Transportation (MDT) has indicated to EPA that it intends to remove (rather than upgrade) the Highway 200 Bridge in Milltown. EPA has offered \$3.8 million towards the costs of bridge replacement. EPA and the State plan to formalize this decision soon in a Superfund Memorandum of Agreement.

MDT will hold a public meeting in the near future to discuss ideas for a new bridge, possible traffic routes, and schedule.

Since the idea of replacing the Highway 200 bridge was first raised, it has been a topic of much discussion. In January, the Milltown/Bonner Community Council asked a group of residents to evaluate the effects of building a new Highway 200 bridge. The results of this evaluation were presented at the Community Council meeting on 2/12/07. While many seem to agree with the logic of bridge replacement rather than costly repairs, people have raised a number of concerns about impacts of the construction on: vehicle and pedestrian travel time and routes; safety; local business; fire and emergency responders; school bus routes; bus service; as well as other issues.

### Milltown Project Schedule

2007	Build haul roads Build flood berms Bridge mitigation Build bypass channel Build pedestrian trail Construct rail lines Begin rail hauling
2008	Stage 2 drawdown Build coffer dam Diversion of CFR Spillway removal Sediment removal Rail hauling sediment Restoration Redevelopment
2009	Sediment removal Rail hauling sediment Restoration Redevelopment
2010	Restoration Redevelopment
2011	Restoration Redevelopment



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### SAFETY WARNING!

Uneven ice on the Blackfoot River means unsafe — yes, dangerous — ice conditions. Signs are being posted.

Please remind family and friends to stay off the ice and out of the areas closed to the public during the Milltown Reservoir cleanup.

Thank you! Be safe!