

Weekly Update

Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site

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**Milltown Reservoir
Community Office**
(315 Anaconda St., Milltown, MT)

Office Hours:
Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 pm
EPA and DEQ staff are available.
Stop by to talk
or say hi!

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 Project continues to go very well and is on schedule. Project personnel have worked **184,550 hours** without time lost to injury.

- **Demolition of the Milltown Dam continues; the dam should be completely out this fall.** The upper portion of the Divider Block is completely gone and workers keep hammering away at its base.



View of Milltown Dam removal (7/1/08)

Approximately half of the concrete veneer on the dam spillway has been removed. Workers have not yet uncovered any of the timbers from the original "timber crib" dam but when they do, some will be set aside for the Milltown Redevelopment Working Group to use as it works with the community to interpret and display the rich, local history. **The Milltown cleanup and dam removal is going very well.**



Downstream view from former radial gate (7/1/08)

- **Continue excavating sediments and loading 45 rail cars each day.** To date, **1,077,965 tons** (937,361 cubic yards) of sediment have been hauled to the Anaconda Smelter Superfund Site for use in site reclamation.
- **Berm inspections continue.** They are functioning very well and as intended.
- Work continues for replacement of **State Highway 200 and Pedestrian bridges over the Blackfoot River in Milltown.** Both Bridges should be in this fall.



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Upcoming Events

- **Monday, July 14**
Members of the Milltown Redevelopment Working Group is scheduled to present the Conceptual Redevelopment Plan to the Bonner Community Council, Bonner School Library, at 7 pm.
- **Saturday, July 26**
Blackfoot River Cleanup Day!
- **Tuesday, August 12**
Milltown Design Review Team Project Tour
- **September 7-11, 2008**
National Summit of Mining Communities, Butte.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 23**
Milltown Redevelopment Working Group resumes its monthly meetings. Join us from 6:30-9:00 pm at the Bonner Lutheran Church.

Upcoming work:

- Continue sediment excavation and hauling.
- Continue removal of the remainder of the Milltown Dam; removal should take about 4 months to complete.
- Work continues on Hwy 200 bridge (MDT)
- Work continues on the Bonner Pedestrian bridge (Missoula County).

To view on-going activities, visit:
<http://www.clarkfork.org/> click on the webcam.

Safety Reminder

DURING THE MILLTOWN CLEANUP, THE CLARK FORK AND BLACKFOOT RIVERS ARE **CLOSED** TO RIVER RECREATION ABOVE AND BELOW THE PROJECT AREA.

Clark Fork River users must exit the river at Turah Fishing Access; Blackfoot River users must exit at Weigh Station.



VIOLATORS and TRESPASSERS WILL BE FINED.

For more information, contact Montana FWP at 542-5500.

Take care on the rivers!



Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

PROJECT SCHEDULE

- 2008** Sediment removal
Rail hauling sediments
Build coffer dams
Powerhouse removal
Stage 2 drawdown
MRL bridge mitigation
Replace Hwy 200 bridge
Replace walking bridge
Spillway removal
- 2009** Sediment removal

- Restoration
Redevelopment
- 2010** Restoration
Redevelopment
- 2011** Restoration
Redevelopment



Work on the left abutment of the Dam (shown above) is expected to begin in mid-late July. During this time (approximately 3 weeks), the bluff overlook will be closed to the public. Questions? contact Diana Hammer, EPA, 457-5040.



Overlook View of the Milltown Project area, July 1, 2008