

Cleanup Update

Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site

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Status: The Milltown Project continues to go very well and is on schedule. Project personnel have worked a total of 339,850 hours without time lost to injury (1/17/2010).

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Remediation and Restoration and Redevelopment

- **Completed removal of the remnants of Milltown Dam concrete from the Clark Fork River** and disposed of it in the right bank repository (near the site of the former Powerhouse). This repository has now been capped and closed; will be seeded this spring (2010).
- **Moving material within the Sediment Accumulation Area III-b (SAA III-b)** according to the specifications in the State's Grading Plan.
- **Continuing to shape the wetlands in the floodplain** according to the specifications in the State's Grading Plan.
- **Excavating material from Sediment Accumulation Area IV (SAA-IV)** and hauling that material to the Tunnel Pond repository. That material will be used for capping the repository.
- Continuing to **place rip rap on the north end of the Tunnel Pond buttress slope.**
- The Monthly Design Review Team (DRT) tour was held on Tuesday, February 2.
- **Governor Schweitzer approved the two Natural Resource Damage Program grants for the Milltown Project area:** 1) Grant of \$2,663,749 awarded for the Milltown Two Rivers Recreational Facilities and Access— submitted by MT Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Milltown Redevelopment Working Group; and 2) Grant of \$262,177 awarded to remove bridge piers and logs on the Blackfoot River—submitted by the Clark Fork Coalition and MT Dept. of Fish Wildlife and Parks. **Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard on these grants!**

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



Excavating material from SAA-IV, an restoration work area upstream of the old Duck Bridge. This material serves as cover for the Tunnel Pond repository. (Photo by Mike Kustudia, CFRTAC.)



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Upcoming Events

- **On-going: Bonner-Milltown History Center** is open for business in the Bonner Post Office Building. The hours are 2 - 4:30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The mission of the History Center is to keep our local and timber heritage alive for the education and enjoyment of the public.
- **Winter 2010**
Transfer of property owned by NorthWestern and the local Carpenter's Union to the State of Montana
- **Winter 2010**
"Substantial Completion" of Remedial Action; State of Montana's Restoration program assumes Site lead
- **Thursday and Friday, March 4-5, 2010 Clark Fork Symposium**
"Conservation Science in the Basin—looking ahead and back 25 years" Will be held at the University of Montana in Missoula. To register: <http://www.clarkfork.org/cfsymposium> For more information, contact Dr. Vicki Watson at 406-243-5153 or by email vicki.watson@umontana.edu
- **Tuesday, March 23 Milltown Redevelopment Working Group bi-monthly meeting** 6:30 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bonner.

On-going and Upcoming work:

- Complete rip rap on Tunnel Pond buttress;
- Shaping wetlands in CFR 3b; done in mid-February 2010;
- Continue placing cover material on Tunnel Pond repository; done in mid-Feb. 2010;
- Complete Restoration Grading Plan;
- Continue groundwater and well monitoring;
- Continue restoration work in the very upper end of the reservoir (above former Duck Bridge); and
- Redevelopment/Park planning continues—Two NRDP grants awarded for Milltown area work.



PROJECT SCHEDULE

2009 Remediation
Restoration

2010 Redevelopment
Restoration
Redevelopment

2011 Remediation
Restoration
Redevelopment



Another snowy and slippery work day at the Milltown Site.

The two pictures above show placement of excavated material from the SAA-IV (upstream of Duck Bridge) on the Tunnel Pond repository. This material will later be seeded and serve as the vegetative cover for the repository. (Photos by Mike Kustudia, CFRTAC.)