

Weekly 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 **176,848 hours** without time lost to injury.



- **Demolition of the remainder of Milltown Dam began Monday, June 2, 2008.** Removal of the Radial Gate, Divider Block, and Dam Spillway should take about 5 months to complete. The photos above and to the right (6/3/08) show the demolition in progress. **The dam should be out this fall!**

- **Continue excavating sediments and loading 45 rail cars each day.** To date, **955,076 tons** (830,500 cubic yards) of sediment have been hauled to the Anaconda Smelter Superfund Site for use in site reclamation.
- Work continues for replacement of **State Highway 200 and Pedestrian bridges over the Blackfoot River in Bonner.** Both Bridges should be in place this fall.
- **Fish studies continue.** Fish, Wildlife, and Parks continues its caged fish and telemetry (radio-tagged) fish studies to monitor fish health and movement as a result of dam removal activities. **Mortality below the dam continues to be no greater than above the dam.** Fish continue to migrate upstream of the dam site. Next week, FWP plans to begin its population monitoring.

**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.



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Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, June 17**
 Monthly meeting of the Milltown Redevelopment Working Group, 6:30—9 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bonner. The next working group meeting will be September 23, 2008.

Upcoming work:

- Continue sediment excavation and hauling.
- Continue removal of the remainder of the Milltown Dam; removal should take about 5 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.



Look for more about redevelopment and restoration activities in future site updates!

PROJECT SCHEDULE

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| 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 |



The Milltown Design Review Team gathers around Doug Martin of the Montana Natural Resources Damage Program as he leads a discussion about current and planned site restoration activities. In preparation for restoration work, the 3 acres in the photo were watered last summer (and will be again later this year as well) to keep the vegetation alive as the reservoir was drawn down and the water levels dropped. (6/3/08) The salvaged vegetation (e., willows and "marsh sod") will be used to re-vegetate the site.



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.

The photo at the left shows the changes in the Clark Fork River just upstream of where Deer Creek enters the Clark Fork.

The arrow (at the left) points to an alder tree that was on the bank the week of May 19 — before high flow. Now, at this point in the river, the Clark Fork has eroded approximately 100 feet of the north bank

Like the Blackfoot River, many changes are occurring on the Clark Fork River as the rivers adjust to removal of the Milltown Dam.