

## 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.



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**Status:** The Milltown Reservoir cleanup project is going very well and is **on schedule** for dam removal in spring 2008. Workers have now logged over 44,535 hours without time lost to injury.

### Currently:

- **Bypass Channel construction continues;** Envirocon is removing approximately 4100 yards (yd<sup>3</sup>), up from an average of 2800 yd<sup>3</sup>/ each day last week. To date, 80,000 yd<sup>3</sup> of material has been removed, including the 40,000 yd<sup>3</sup> from the test pit excavation last year. The bypass channel is a critical element in minimizing downstream impacts of the project on fish and other aquatic life, and downstream users.
- Twelve of the potential 43 bypass channel **dewatering wells** have been installed. Pumps are producing approximately 1300 gallons/minute. These dewatering wells will aid in the excavation of the bypass channel.



Milltown Reservoir Project Area — looking downstream from the Posse Grounds

- Excavation of "landfill" near I-90 continues. Workers are removing approximately 1000 yd<sup>3</sup> of material daily for a total of 8,000 yd<sup>3</sup>. Excavation is about 60% complete. Metals and other materials will be recycled, non-recyclable debris will be hauled to the Missoula landfill for disposal.
- **Rail spur/loading pad construction** on-hold until water levels drop.
- USACE is finishing paving and striping the **I-90 cross-over lanes**. One lane is currently closed in each direction to safely allow this work. It is expected that traffic will be re-routed across 1 bridge later this week for the abutment and underpinning work. The bridges will be alternately closed for the next 6-8 weeks during construction.



Reminder:  
Project Area is  
**CLOSED** to the  
public

# Upcoming Meetings

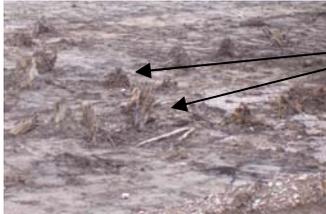
- **Tuesday, June 12**  
Community Health and Safety meeting, 10 am  
Piltzville Rural Fire Station
- **Tuesday, June 26**  
Milltown Redevelopment Working Group meeting 6:30–9 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bonner
- **Saturday, July 28**  
2007 Blackfoot River Cleanup Day! All are welcome. Meet at 8 am at Rainbow Bend Drive. Contact George (244-4622) or Marietta (244-5442).

## Next week:

- Bypass Channel excavation continues
- Finish up landfill excavation
- Sedimentation pond and railroad loading pad construction resume
- USACE will begin I-90 bridge mitigation jet-grouting and abutment underpinning



Design Review Team Site Tour , 6/5/07



Pre-reservoir stumps uncovered during the Bypass Channel excavation



Clark Fork River Bypass Channel Excavation



## PROJECT SCHEDULE

- 2007 Build haul roads  
Build flood berms  
I-90 bridge mitigation  
MRL bridge mitigation  
Build bypass channel  
Build pedestrian trail  
Construct rail lines  
Rail hauling sediment  
Stage 2 drawdown  
Build coffer dam  
Spillway removal
- 2008 Spillway removal  
Sediment removal  
Replace Hwy 200 bridge  
Dam removal  
Powerhouse removal  
Restoration  
Redevelopment
- 2009 Restoration  
Redevelopment
- 2010 Restoration  
Redevelopment
- 2011 Restoration  
Redevelopment



## Envisioning a Park: Community input needed!

The Milltown Redevelopment Group is working with the National Park Service's Rivers and Trails program and a number of landscape architects to begin laying out ideas for a possible public park in the Milltown Reservoir project area once the cleanup and restoration are finished.

Look for opportunities for adding your ideas this summer!