

Weekly Update

Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site

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<http://www.cfrtac.org>

Status: The Milltown Project continues to go very well and is on schedule. Project personnel have worked **186,769 hours** without time lost to injury.

- **Demolition of the Milltown Dam continues; the dam should be completely out this fall.** This photo below (7/8/08) was taken from the newly formed gravel bar downstream of the old Milltown Dam spillway and radial gate. This spring's high flows deposited the cobbles and gravels, creating part of the coffer dam that will be needed during the demolition and removal of the rest of the Milltown Dam. Construction of the coffer dam should begin in early August and take less than a week to complete.



Partially constructed road on nature's coffer dam—looking downstream, 7/8/08



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.

- **Continue excavating sediments and loading 45 rail cars each day. To date, 1,101,290 tons (957,643 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.
- July 21, begin work on left abutment (3 weeks); bluff will be closed to the public
- 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.

Work on the left abutment of the Dam (shown above) is expected to begin on July 21. *During this time (approximately 3 weeks), the bluff overlook will be closed to the public.* Questions? contact Diana Hammer, EPA, 457-5040.



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



Project staff walking along coffer dam road toward Milltown Dam

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.



Overlook View of the Milltown Dam removal area, July 8, 2008