

## 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. Project workers have now logged nearly 40,000 hours without time lost to injury. This week's construction meeting was changed from Tuesday to Thursday. Weekly updates are based on those meetings so, as a result, this update is late.

### Currently:

- Final course of rip rap on the Blackfoot River flood berm will complete next week
- Sediment pond excavation has begun and will be complete next week. This pond will handle storm water from the project area and allow sediments to settle out before the water is discharged into the Clark Fork River, thereby reducing turbidity levels.
- Excavation of "landfill" near I-90 continues; metals and other materials will be recycled, non-recyclable debris will be hauled to BFI for disposal.
- Began construction of the loading pad and rail road spur on site this week. Workers are now preparing the sub-grade. Construction will be complete by the end of May on this portion. Construction of the rail spur that will extend the Old Milwaukee rail road tracks from the Bonner School down to the site is planned for later this summer.
- Work continues on the I-90 cross-over lanes. Surveyors are out working on the cross-over lanes needed for mitigation of the I-90 bridges; one lane is currently closed in each direction to safely allow this work. Construction should be complete by the end of May.

### Upcoming work:

- Excavation of the Clark Fork River Bypass Channel begins next week.
- The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and its contractors will begin jet-grouting the I-90 bridge abutments the week of May 21, 2007. This work is expected to continue throughout the summer.
- The USACE and its contractors will begin its work on the abutment underpinnings after Memorial Day weekend. This work will take approximately 6 weeks (3 weeks on each bridge) to complete. During this work, one bridge will always be open to traffic.



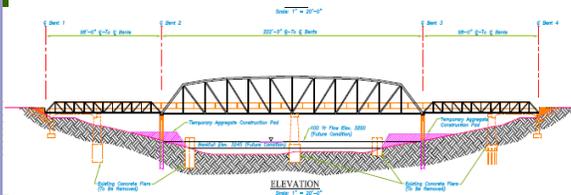
Blackfoot River Flood Berm

## Upcoming Meetings

- May 21-24**  
 Relationships Along a River: 6th Biennial Interagency River Management Workshop in Missoula.  
<http://www.river-management.org>
- Tuesday, May 22**  
 Milltown Reservoir Working Group meeting from 6:30–9:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bonner.
- Tuesday, June 5**  
 Design Review Team Site Tour at 11 am
- Tuesday, June 12**  
 Community Health and Safety meeting, 10 am Piltzville Rural Fire Station

## Bonner Pedestrian Bridge

On behalf of the Milltown Redevelopment Working Group and the Bonner and Milltown communities, Missoula County modified its grant application to the Montana Natural Resource Damage Program. Through the grant, the County is seeking a little more than \$975,652 to remove and replace the Bonner Pedestrian Bridge. The new bridge with its "hybrid" design would retain much of its historic character and is widely supported in the community. The total project cost is estimated to be more than \$2 million; additional funding would come from EPA and federal transportation funds.



NRD staff reviewed the application and recommended against funding it. On Tuesday, May 8 at a meeting in Bonner, the NRD Citizens' Advisory Council voted to fund it. Then on Thursday, May 10, the NRD Trustees also voted to fund the proposal. The final step is the Governor's approval.

## Bonner Pedestrian Trail—Update

The EPA-funded Pedestrian Trail from the Bonner School to the Piltzville Fire Station has been approved by MDT. The County will now advertise for bids and expects the contract to be awarded in early June. The trail will be built this summer and completed by August. Every effort is being made to ensure that the trail is in place before work on the rail spur begins behind the Bonner School.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

- 2007** Build haul roads  
 Build flood berms  
 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  
 Dam removal  
 Powerhouse removal  
 Restoration  
 Redevelopment
- 2009** Sediment removal  
 Raul hauling sediment



Sediment Pond Construction

## RIVER CLOSURES

The Clark Fork River and the Blackfoot Rivers in the project area are closed to recreational use during the Milltown Reservoir clean up and restoration.

Recreationalists on the Clark Fork River must exit at the Turah Bridge; those using the Blackfoot River must exit at Weigh Station.

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