

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 180,138 hours without time lost to injury.

Demolition of the Milltown Dam continues; the dam should be completely out this fall. The radial gate of the Milltown Dam was removed on Monday, June 16. The photos below show removal of a 30+ ton radial gate in a few "easy" steps!



Removing the radial gate



"Snipping" the radial gate "arms"

Two excavators drag the radial gate away from work area to temporary storage site



- Continue demolition of the Divider Block and spillway of the Milltown Dam.
- Continue excavating sediments and loading 45 rail cars each day. The project reached its 1,000,000 ton of sediments hauled off-site — that's over 10,000 rail cars! To date, 1,011,797 tons (879,823 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.
- Seeded hillsides around project area to keep down weeds and dust.
- Work continues for replacement of State Highway 200 and Pedestrian bridges over the Blackfoot River in Milltown. On the Hwy. 200 bridge, the westside pier is complete. On the eastside of that bridge, drilling of the downstream cassion is nearly done; then will begin drilling the upstream cassion. Both Bridges should be in this fall.

**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

- **Saturday, June 21 River Celebration** at Clark Fork Market in downtown Missoula from 8 am—1 pm.
- **Tuesday, June 24 Restoration Public Hearing 6:30 pm** in the Bonner School Community Room. The state is seeking public comment on a restoration funding proposal on how to spend money recovered in a natural resource damage settlement with ARCO on restoration projects in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin. The proposal, **Draft Conceptual Framework for an UCFRB Restoration Priorities Road Map**, will be subject of a 60-day public comment period ending on **August 15, 2008** and public hearings in Bonner and 3 other communities. Written comments may be sent to the Natural Resource Damage Program, P.O. Box 201425, Helena, MT 59620-1425, faxed to 444-0236 or e-mailed to nrdp@mt.gov. This proposal is also available on the NRDP website at: <http://doj.mt.gov/lands/naturalresource/restorationroadmap.asp>

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.



Looking north along the spillway



Tearing into the Divider Block



Bluff Overlook view of what remains of the Milltown Dam

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

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.