

## Weekly Update

# Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site

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<http://www.epa.gov/region8/superfund/sites/mt/milltowncfr/home.html>

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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 well and is on schedule for dam removal in spring 2008.

### Currently:

- Geo-technical core drilling work on the Highway 200 bridge should be completed this week and the bridge should be fully reopened to traffic.
- Stockpiling additional borrow material from the Posse Ground, getting the area down to final grade. This area will then be used to store soils used for revegetation.
- Old Silver Star Bridges have been transported off-site for use elsewhere.
- Rip rap launch pad placement continues. The "launch pad" is rock at berm's edge to protect the berm during high flows. 3000 feet of the launch pad have been installed; 1000 feet remain and should be complete by the of this week.
- Rip rap placement on the Blackfoot River flood berms continues. It's slow going because of the size of the rock (4 feet diameter) and the need to use a crane to put it in place. All berms will be completed in April 2007.
- Continue to haul rip rap onto the site for construction of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot River flood berms. There are 8 trucks hauling each day. Trucks are using the Turah exit and Rustic Road — watch for the trucks and respect the 45 mph speed limit.
- Sheet pile installation continues along the Blackfoot River but has been difficult due to rocks and boulders in the alluvium. "Cutting shoes" may be need to be added to the sheet pile to better penetrate the alluvium.
- At the Powerhouse, 3 turbines have been removed. The last turbine will be removed this week and the penstocks reassembled next week.

### Installation of Sheet Pile along the Blackfoot River



## Upcoming Meetings

- **Tuesday, March 27**  
Milltown Community Health and Safety meeting from 10:00—11:00 am at Piltzville Rural Fire Station
- **Tuesday, March 27**  
Milltown Working Group meeting from 6:30—9:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bonner.
- **Wednesday, April 4**  
EPA Public Meeting and Community Fair at the Bonner School from 5:00—8:00 pm. There will be informational booths and fun activities for children.

### Upcoming work:

- Sheet pile installation, flood berm construction and growth media stripping and stockpiling all continue.
- New offices will be brought in next week
- Plan to shut off pumps to dewatering area and will try to dewater the test pit area using a sump pump rather than wells. Pumped water will be sent to the sedimentation pond before discharge.
- Plan to chip the slash piles for use onsite.
- Pull out trash (debris) boom at dam.
- Reassemble penstocks in the Powerhouse.



Construction of the Clark Fork "Launch" Pad

### View of Reservoir from Bluff Overlook



### Milltown Project Schedule

- 2007 **Build haul roads**  
**Build flood berms**  
**Bridge mitigation**  
**Build bypass channel**  
**Build pedestrian trail**  
**Construct rail lines**  
**Begin rail hauling**
- 2008 **Stage 2 drawdown**  
**Build coffer dam**  
**Diversion of CFR**  
**Spillway removal**  
**Sediment removal**  
**Rail hauling sediment**  
**Restoration**  
**Redevelopment**
- 2009 **Sediment removal**  
**Rail hauling sediment**  
**Restoration**  
**Redevelopment**
- 2010 **Restoration**  
**Redevelopment**
- 2011 **Restoration**  
**Redevelopment**

### Community Involvement

The Milltown Community Information Office is now open! It is located near the Milltown Market at 315 Anaconda in Milltown.

EPA and DEQ staff are available to meet with you every Tuesday from noon until 3:30 pm. Stop by or give us a call at 258-5155.

**Highway 200 Bridge** At the public meeting on March 15, MDT announced its intention to install a temporary bridge on the upstream side of the current Highway 200 bridge. The public is invited to comment by April 16, 2007:

ONLINE: [www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment\\_form.shtml](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml) FAX: (406) 444-6206

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