

## 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 over 43,000 hours without time lost to injury.

### Currently:

- **Air samples** were collected on May 17 and 18, 2007. The weather had been warm and dry and presented a good opportunity to collect dust samples. 6 different samples were collected; 2 area samples and 4 samples monitored the dust exposure of individual workers. The lab analyzed the samples for lead, copper and arsenic. All sample results were "non-detect" — no lead, copper or arsenic was measured in the samples.
- **Bypass Channel construction continues;** should be complete around the end of September 2007. Workers are currently removing approximately 2800 cubic yards (yd<sup>3</sup>) of sediments each day. The excavated material is being stockpiled on site and, beginning in September, will be sent by rail to the Anaconda Smelter Superfund Site Repository. The bypass channel is a critical element in minimizing downstream impacts of the project on fish and other aquatic life, as well as on downstream users.
- Nine of the potential 43 bypass channel **dewatering wells** have been installed; currently installing pumps and plan to begin pumping water by the end of the week. These dewatering wells will aid in the excavation of the bypass channel.
- **Rail spur and loading pad construction** continues. When completed, the rail spur will extend from behind the Bonner School down to the project area. EPA is working with DEQ, Montana Rail Link, Envirocon, the Bonner School, and Missoula County to try to avoid any overlap between construction of the pedestrian trail from the Bonner School to the Piltzville Fire Station and the installation of fencing and use of the rail line behind the School. This is an important issue for the local community.
- H-pile is being delivered for construction of the **rail bridge** over the bypass channel.
- Excavation of "**landfill**" near I-90 continues; metals and other materials will be recycled, non-recyclable debris will be hauled to the Missoula landfill for disposal.
- USACE continues to work on the **I-90 cross-over lanes** and one lane is currently closed in each direction to safely allow this work. Over the next 2-3 weeks, workers will be paving the cross-over lanes.



Clark Fork River Bypass Channel Excavation

# Upcoming Meetings

- **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
- **Tuesday, June 26**  
Milltown Redevelop-  
ment Working Group  
meeting 6:30–9 pm at  
Our Savior's Lutheran  
Church in Bonner

Reminder: Project Area  
is closed to the public



Excavation of the I-90 "landfill"



Metals stockpiled for recycling



Tires retrieved from the "landfill"



Overlooking the Milltown Reservoir Superfund Site  
Note the sediments in the Clark Fork River and the grass coming in on the stockpiled sediments

## 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



The Milltown Reservoir  
Superfund Cleanup was  
featured at last week's  
Interagency River Manager's  
Conference in Missoula.  
The well-attended conference  
included discussions about com-  
munities coming together along  
the river, redevelopment and a  
field trip to the Milltown Site.