

Cleanup Update

Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site

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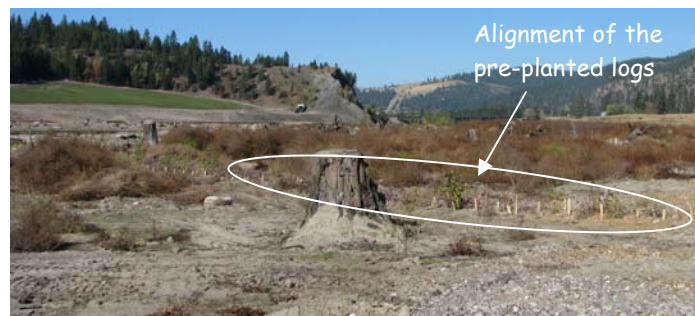
Status: The Milltown Project continues to go well and is on schedule.

Remediation

- Completed construction of the Tunnel Hill Repository (it no longer looks anything like a "pond") storm water drainage system; area has been seeded and mulched.
- Completed removal of the berm at the downstream end of the project area—this is shared remediation/restoration work.
- Continuing reclamation work on the Bonner Development Group property.
- Preparing to begin reclamation of the bypass channel once the Clark Fork River is diverted into its newly constructed channel
- Conducted sediment sampling at public access sites along the Clark Fork River; results show concentrations far below levels considered safe for recreational use.

Restoration

- Floodplain construction upstream of Duck Bridge in progress, completion scheduled for mid-December.
- Continue channel construction upstream of Duck Bridge; complete in early Nov.
- Temporary diversion of the Clark Fork River into side channel to facilitate restoration work upstream of Duck Bridge
- Expect to divert the Clark Fork River into its new channel in early December.
- Continue revegetation and weed control activities this fall and next spring.
- Completed vegetation and channel monitoring for 2010; results available in 2011.
- Working to integrate the new and current Clark Fork River channels



Work Crew (above) installing logs pre-planted with willow and alder species. Several rows will be placed perpendicular to the stream channel to provide floodplain stability. Also visible are stumps from the dam construction (1905-1908).

These updates are intended to provide you with the latest information about remediation, restoration and redevelopment activities at the Milltown Reservoir Superfund Site.



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Upcoming Events

- **Weds. November 10 Design Review Team tour** of the Project.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 10 Milltown Project Public Meeting** 6:30-8:00 pm on in the Bonner School Library. Updates on Remediation, Restoration and Redevelopment.
- **Tuesday, November 16 Milltown Redevelopment Working Group meeting** 6:30-8:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bonner.
- **Bonner-Milltown History Center** is open for business in the Bonner Post Office Building. The hours are 2:00 - 4:30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

On-going and Upcoming work:

- Restoration work monitoring, maintenance
- Continue surface, groundwater and domestic well monitoring;
- Continue well servicing program;
- Continue to remove material from upstream of project area and reconstruct floodplain
- Upstream river restoration work
- Continue Site redevelopment/Park planning —Two NRDP grants and federal funding awarded for Milltown area work; FWP hiring a park manager for the Milltown Site.
- This fall:
 - Land transfer from NorthWestern Energy to the State of Montana
 - Divert the Clark Fork River into its newly constructed, permanent channel
 - Finish seeding and mulching work
 - Begin repairs along the east and west side embankments of I-90 along the Blackfoot River
 - Begin I-90 corner work (junction of the Blackfoot River and bypass channel)
 - Begin Five Year Review



PROJECT SCHEDULE

2010	Restoration
2011	Redevelopment
2012	Remediation
	Restoration
	Redevelopment
	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.

Photo at left: **Design Review Team** tours the Milltown Cleanup with the Milltown project team Tuesday, October 12.



Log removal began last week on the Blackfoot River. Previous efforts have removed about 7,500 logs from the River; this effort may retrieve an additional 5,000 logs. The piers pictured in the photo above will also be removed. This work is funded by the MT Natural Resource Damages Program through a grant awarded to the Clark Fork Coalition in 2010.