

## 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.

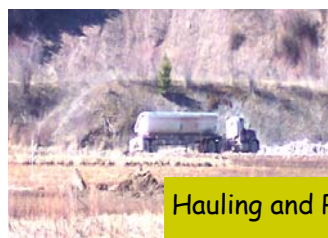


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**Status:** The Milltown Reservoir cleanup project is going well and is on schedule for dam removal in spring 2008.

### Currently:

- Rip rap hauling began on Monday, March 5. Currently have 3 trucks bringing rip rap in from the east, via the Turah exit and Rustic Road. The trucks are entering the site via the new Rustic Road entrance. Each day approximately 15 truck loads of rip rap are delivered to the Site. This may increase to approximately 20-30 truckloads per day and continue through April 2007.
- Placement of rip rap has begun on the Clark Fork River flood berm.
- Preparing area along the Blackfoot River so construction of the Blackfoot River flood berm can begin. All flood berms will be finished by April 2007.
- "Trucks Entering" signs are up on Rustic Road and 210 E. "45 mph speed limit" signs are being installed on Rustic Road and Highway 210 E on Thursday, March 8.
- Site workers are continuing to screen soils. This work is needed to ensure that materials are appropriate for construction of bypass channel, haul roads, flood berms, etc.
- Construction continues on the on-site haul road at the base of I-90.
- Removal of the turbines (#2-#5) from the Powerhouse begins this week. The structures will be disassembled and the turbines removed, allowing the penstocks (the outer portion) to freely pass up to 500 cubic feet/second of water. This is important to keep the reservoir level down so work can proceed even during periods of high flow. Turbine #1 will be kept in the powerhouse — intact — for historic preservation use by the Milltown Redevelopment Working Group and the community, in the proposed Interpretative Center at the two rivers confluence. Work will be completed in April.



Hauling and Placement of Rip Rap on the Clark Fork River Flood Berm

## Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, March 15, 2007 6:30—8:00 pm  
Bonner School Gym  
MDT will host a meeting re: Hwy 200 Bridge Replacement and Traffic Routing Options.
- Monday, March 19, 2007 4:00—7:00 pm  
Bonner School Gym  
Missoula County will host an open house on the pedestrian bridge over the Blackfoot.

### Community Information Center in Milltown

EPA and DEQ staff are available at the Information Center (near the Milltown Market at 315 Anaconda Street) each Tuesday from noon—3:30 pm to meet with you. Stop by or give us a call at 258-5155.

### Lane Closure on the Highway 200 Bridge in Milltown

March 5—March 16, 2007  
Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am—5:30 pm



The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is taking geotechnical core samples and doing some survey work on the Highway 200 bridge. While this work is done, the bridge is reduced to one lane traffic only. Flaggers are directing traffic.

### Upcoming:

- Preparation for work on the Blackfoot River flood berm. Rip rap placement is expected to begin on March 12, 2007.
- Preparation for sheet pile installation along the Blackfoot River. That work is expected to begin on March 14, 2007.
- Construction of the outlet of the bypass channel is scheduled to begin on March 14, 2007 and take about 3-4 weeks to complete.

## EPA Responds To Concerns Over Milltown Area Wells

This past week, EPA received a number of calls and emails from residents with concern about the wells on their property. In response, EPA activated its well and pump contractors and has crews out right now to address these concerns.

This is the time of year when the water table is at its lowest (just before spring high flows). The drop in the water table has caused four wells in the West Riverside and one in Milltown area to be unusable. As with previous well problems related to the drawdown of the Milltown Reservoir, EPA accepts the responsibility. EPA contractors are on site now. Two wells have already been installed. EPA expects the three remaining wells to be installed and everyone to have plenty of water in their new wells by the middle of next week.

With the water table so low, there may be additional problems with area wells. If residents have concerns about their wells, call EPA at 457-5000 and ask for Russ Forba or Diana Hammer.



## 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**



### SAFETY TIP!

Hauling has begun and trucks will be traveling along Rustic Road and/or Highway 210 E and entering the site via the new access Rustic Road site entrance.

Please watch for trucks and respect the new 45 mph speed limit.