Weekly Update

Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site

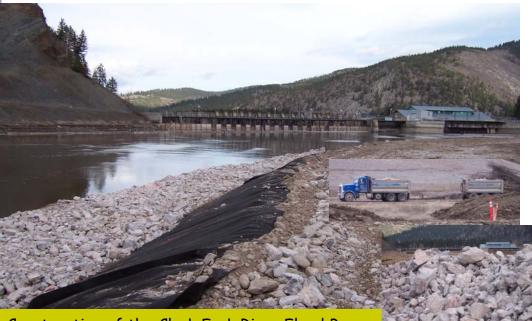
<u>Status</u>: The Milltown Reservoir cleanup project is going well and is on schedule for dam removal in spring 2008.

Issue #8

March 14, 2007

<u>Currently</u>:

- Continue hauling rip rap onto the site for construction of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot River flood berms. There are between 9 and 12 trucks hauling each day. Trucks are using the Turah exit and Rustic Road — please watch for the trucks entering signs and the new 45 mph speed limit. To date, approximately 2300 tons of rip rap has been brought in for the Clark Fork berm and 650 tons for the Blackfoot River berm. All berms will be complete by April 2007.
- Cranes are being brought on site in preparation for placement of Blackfoot River berm rip rap. This work is expected to begin on Thursday, March 15, 2007
- Removal of the turbines at the Powerhouse began last week and is progressing well. To remove the turbine assembly, the outer portion of the penstock is unbolted, the turbine assembly removed and the penstock casing reattached and sealed. Removing the assembly will allow water to pass unimpeded through the penstock and help keep the water level in the reservoir low enough for site construction activities. Removal should be complete in 2-3 weeks.
- Continuing to screen soils. This work is needed to ensure that riprap and soils used on site are appropriate for construction of bypass channel, haul roads, flood berms, etc.



Construction of the Clark Fork River Flood Berm

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<u>http://www.cfrtac.org</u>

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 Meetings

- Thursday, March 15 MDT will host a meeting re: Hwy 200 Bridge Replacement from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Bonner School Gym
- Monday, March 19 Missoula County hosts an open house at the Bonner School from 4:00—7:00 pm to discuss design options for the Pedestrian Bridge in Milltown.
- Monday, March 19 "Milltown Mondays" 7:00—8:30 pm (following the pedestrian open house) at the Bonner School
- 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

Upcoming work:

- Construction of the bypass channel outlet (using sheet piling) begins Wednesday, March 14 and should take about a month to complete. Once complete, construction of by-pass inlet structure will begin
- Placement of the Blackfoot River berm rip rap begins Thursday, March 15
- Preparation for moving office trailers
- Preparation for chipping brush stockpiled on site for use in reclamation.
- Plan for managing the trash (debris)
 boom expected by end of the week.



Removal of the Powerhouse Turbines



Lane Closure on the Highway 200 Bridge in Milltown — EXTENDED ONE WEEK

March 19-23, 2007 Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am—5:30 pm



The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) needs an additional week to complete its geotechnical core samples and 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.

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



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.