

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.

Status: The Milltown Reservoir cleanup project is going well and is on schedule for dam removal in spring 2008. On site, 35,000 hours worked without time lost due to injuries.

Currently:

- Coordinating with the Fire Department for site tour/orientation later this week
- Completing the final "lift" (12" layer of soil) on the Clark Fork River flood berm
- Placing rock for the "launch pad" on the Blackfoot River flood berm. The "launch pad" is rock at the berm's edge to protect the berm during high flows. If scouring occurs at the base of the berm, the rock "launches" or slips into the scour hole, preventing scouring of the berm itself.
- Finishing up the sheet pile installation at the bypass channel outlet on 4/3/07
- Begin installation of sheet piling at the inlet of the bypass channel on 4/4
- On Monday, 4/2, workers pulled the smaller trash boom on the northside by the dam; workers will pull the larger trash boom on the southside on 4/4. In the past, the booms collected debris to keep it from interfering with dam operation. With the low reservoir water level, the booms can no longer be used and must be removed.
- Completed the removal of the 4 turbines and reassembly of the penstocks in the powerhouse. On Thursday, 4/5, workers will test the seals and if all goes well, the penstocks will each be able to freely pass up to 500 cfs of water. This is important to keep the water levels low during high flows, allowing site work to continue.
- Two of the three new office trailers are in place; Third will be installed this week. The offices will house Envirocon, US Army Corps of Engineers, EPA and DEQ.

Overview of the Milltown Reservoir Cleanup Site, April 3, 2007



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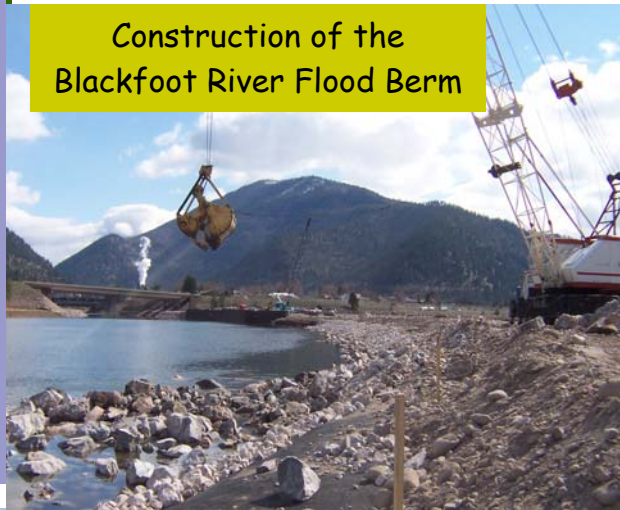
Upcoming Meetings

- **Wednesday, April 4**
EPA Public Meeting and Community Fair at the Bonner School from 5:00—8:00 pm. Informational booths and fun activities for children. Stop by!
- **Tuesday, April 24**
Milltown Redevelopment Working Group monthly meeting 6:30—9:00 pm at Bonner Lutheran Church
- **Tuesday, May 8**
Community Health and Safety meeting 10:00—11:00 am at the Piltzville Fire Station

Upcoming work:

- Expecting arrival of the horizontal supports ("girder packs") for the rail road bridge onsite to arrive this week
- Finish Clark Fork River flood berm rip rap by the end of next week
- Continue work on the Blackfoot River flood berm; will be completed in April
- Continue removal and stockpiling good soils for later revegetation/restoration
- Woody debris from the site will be chipped and reused on site (not burned)

Construction of the Blackfoot River Flood Berm



Outlet Structure Sheet Piling along the Blackfoot River



Milltown Project Schedule

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

Clark Fork River Flows

This time of year — just before high flow — water levels in the Blackfoot and Clark Fork Rivers are usually quite low. With record-setting March temperatures, the water levels have been higher than normal. For the past week, the Clark Fork River below the dam has been between 2800-3700 cubic feet/second (cfs). Normal flows are closer to 2000 cfs.

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 FAX: (406) 444-6206
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