

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. On site, 35,000 hours worked without time lost due to injuries.

Last week:

- Met with local Fire Department for site tour/orientation last week.
- Removed trash boom from in front of the dam (southside). 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.
- Stopped installation of sheet piling at inlet of the bypass channel—pulled sheet piling out (see photo on page 2). Project staff must now redesign the bypass channel inlet.
- Successfully completed initial penstock tests. Powerhouse operators are now freely running 1750 cubic feet/second (cfs) through the penstocks (with turbines removed).

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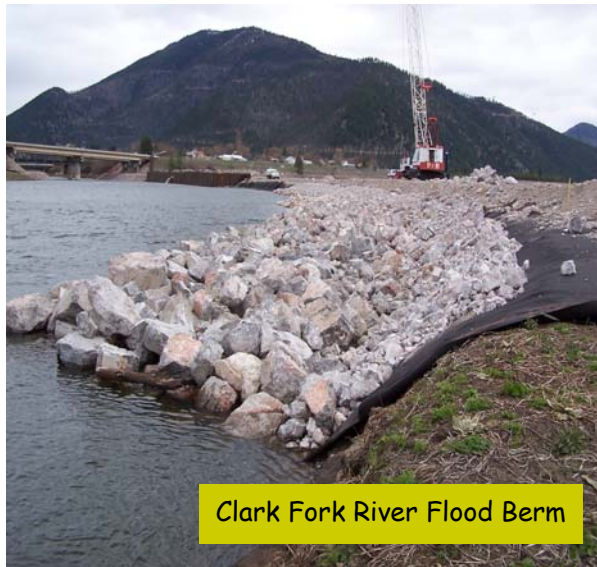
- Continue excavating, hauling, and stockpiling soils for later use in revegetation.
- Continue placing final rip rap veneer on the Clark Fork River flood berm
- Extend Clark Fork River flood berm upstream (instead of sheet pile in origin design) at inlet of bypass channel
- Continue placing rip rap for the "launch pad" on the Blackfoot River flood berm
- On 4/9 and 4/10, hauled in girder packs railroad bridge construction on site
- Construction begins on the rail spur loading pad
- Johnson Brothers began chipping woody debris. The chips will be mixed with soils and used for revegetation of the site later on.
- Begin placing rock (using a crane) at the tail race of the powerhouse
- Within next two weeks, apply magnesium chloride to site access road to control dust

Now running Clark Fork River water through powerhouse penstocks



Upcoming Meetings

- **Tuesday, April 17**
Design Review Team Meeting, 1:30 pm at Envirocon Offices
- **Tuesday, April 24**
Milltown Redevelopment Working Group monthly meeting 6:30—9:00 pm at Bonner Lutheran Church



Clark Fork River Flood Berm

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

Massive Clark Fork River Flood Berm



Discharge from site dewatering
Water quality meets site discharge standards



Deformed sheet piling pulled from bypass channel inlet

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, **Comments due by April 16, 2007:**

ONLINE: www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml

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Thanks

Last week, approximately 60 people attended a public meeting and community open house at the Bonner School and learned about the Milltown Reservoir cleanup, restoration, redevelopment activities, and well monitoring and testing. In addition, there was food, drink, and fun activities for the kids! A big THANK YOU to all the community volunteers, the Watershed Education Network, the School, and Envirocon!