

## Weekly Update

# Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site

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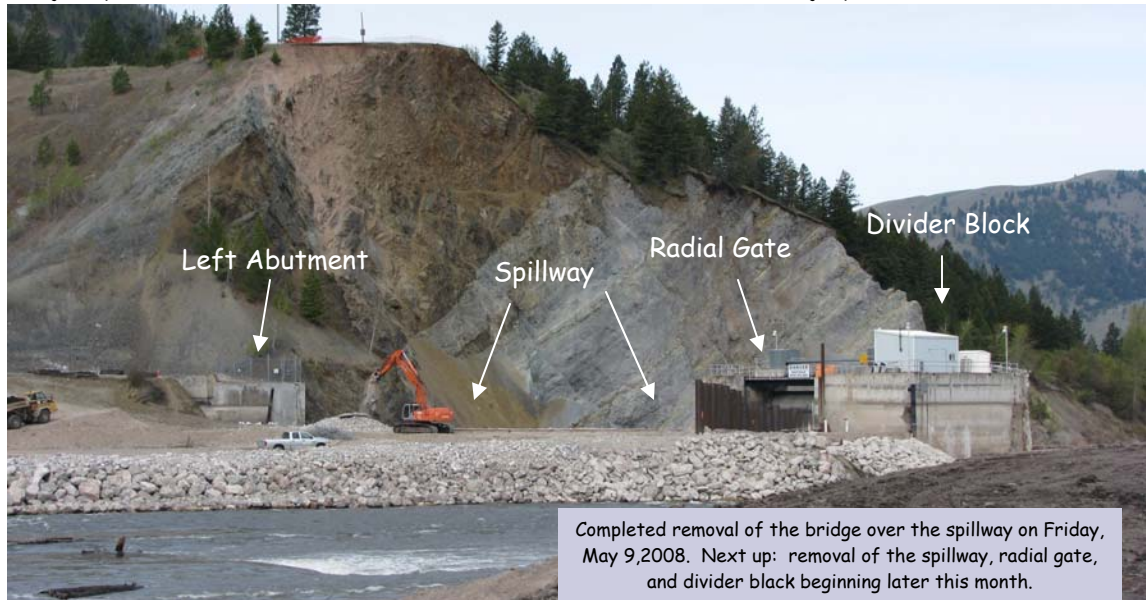
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**Status:** The Milltown Project continues to go very well and is on schedule. Project personnel have worked **1669,400 hours** without time lost to injury.



### Currently:

- **Completed removal of the dam spillway bridge Friday.**
- **Completed removal of overbank sediments along the confluence channel.** EPA thanks Envirocon for undertaking this Best Management Practice and relocating 43,000 cubic yards of clean material out of the floodplain. Preventing these sediments from eroding during high flow this spring helps reduce the impacts to aquatic life downstream.
- **Completed the Clark Fork River outlet/diversion dike road,** allowing access to the spillway and tunnel pond from the sediment accumulation area 1 (SAA-1) point.
- **Sediment excavation continues from cells 2 and 5.**
- **Continue loading 45 rail cars each day. To date, 870,199 tons (756,695 cubic yards) of sediment have been hauled to the Anaconda Smelter Superfund Site for use in site reclamation.**
- **Currently pumping 85 gallons per minute (gpm) from 2 wells.** Will begin pumping water from Tunnel Pond later this week.
- **Re-grading soil stockpiles, sorting concrete stockpiles.**
- **Began hauling approximately 15,000 cubic yards of landfill material to Tunnel Pond for disposal.** Should be complete this week.
- This week, sending **stockpiled steel to Missoula for recycling; tires to landfill for disposal.**
- Remnants of an old train were found in Tunnel Pond on Friday; details to follow.
- Work continues for replacement of **State Highway 200 bridge.** Installation of the pier caissons has been slower than expected but the project is still on schedule overall.
- Work continues on the **Pedestrian Bridge.** The "hybrid" bridge truss has been constructed, combining two sections of one of the old trussed with a new middle section. The re-newed bridge will span the Blackfoot River, allowing for better fish and boat/floater passage.

### Milltown Reservoir Community Office

(315 Anaconda St., Milltown, MT)

#### Office Hours:

**Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 pm**

EPA and DEQ staff are available.

Stop by to talk  
or say hi!

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 Events

- **Tuesday, May 27**  
Milltown Redevelopment Working Group monthly meeting 6:30-9:00 pm at Bonner Lutheran Church.

### Upcoming work:

- Continue sediment excavation and hauling.
- Completion of work plan for dam spillway removal; removal should begin around the end of May and take about 5 months to complete.
- Work continues on Hwy 200 (MDT) bridge and Bonner Pedestrian bridge (Missoula County).
- EPA continues its local well programs.

To view on-going activities, visit:

<http://www.clarkfork.org/> click on the webcam.

### Milltown-Bonner Area Drinking Water Well Program

Since beginning its well identification and mitigation program last fall, EPA has replaced (or is in the process of replacing) 79 domestic water wells in the Milltown-Bonner area. In addition to the residential wells, EPA has also replaced 3 public water supply wells, serving over a hundred families. These wells were identified through an extensive survey and data collection effort conducted by Missoula County and the U of M. All told, EPA is spending over \$1,000,000 on well mitigation in the Bonner-Milltown area. The ground water levels are coming up now with the higher spring flows and it appears that the groundwater may have reached an equilibrium with the historic, pre-dam groundwater levels and we may not see any more significant drops in area groundwater levels. However, if you have questions or concerns about your residential well, please call Deb Clevenger, EPA, 457-5004 or 1-866-457-2690 toll-free.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

2008	Sediment removal Rail hauling sediments Build coffer dams Powerhouse removal Stage 2 drawdown MRL bridge mitigation Replace Hwy 200 bridge Replace walking bridge Spillway removal
2009	Sediment removal Restoration Redevelopment
2010	Restoration Redevelopment
2011	Restoration 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, please call:

MT FWP at 542-5500.

### Please Watch out for Logs!



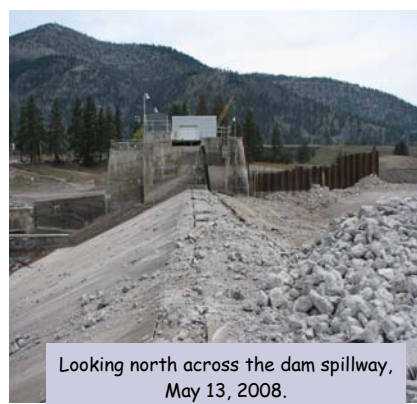
When recreating on the Clark Fork River below the dam, please be aware that numerous logs will be moving downstream as flow increases. The logs should stop moving after high flow. Be careful, be safe!



Looking downstream: Bypass channel (on right) and diversion dike road (on left), May 13, 2008



Tunnel Pond. Envirocon will begin pumping water out later this week.



Looking north across the dam spillway, May 13, 2008.