Cleanup Update

Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site

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Milltown Reservoir
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EPA/DEQ Office Hours: Every other Tuesday 1:00-3:00 pm

(406) 258-5155

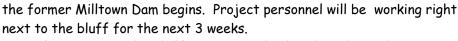
<u>Status</u>: The Milltown Project continues to go very well and is on schedule. Project personnel have worked **190,686 hours** without time lost to injury.

Demolition of the Milltown Dam spillway continues.

The photo to the right shows the spillway and what remains of the radial gate and divider block areas. Dam demolition is going really well — even faster than expected. The dam should be completely removed by fall.

This week, removal of the

left (south)
abutment of



For safety reasons, the bluff is temporarily closed to the public.





Excavating contaminated sediments unearths the pre-Reservoir Clark Fork River flood plain. Note the exposed tree stumps.



Workers continue to load sediments onto rail cars destined for use in reclaiming the Anaconda Smelter Superfund Site.

These weekly updates are intended to provide you with the latest information about remediation, restoration and redevelopment activities at the Milltown Reservoir.



- Continue excavating sediments and loading 45 rail cars each day. To date, 1,161,962 tons (1,010,402 cubic yards) of sediment have been hauled to the Anaconda Smelter Superfund Site for use in site reclamation. The project is getting close to the halfway point for sediment excavation and hauling.
- In June, 172 tons of rebar and steel removed from the dam were recycled.
- Installing a well to begin de-watering triangle sediments in preparation for removal.
- Work continues for replacement of State Highway 200 and Pedestrian bridges over the Blackfoot River in Milltown. Both Bridges should be in this fall.



Upcoming Events

- Saturday, July 26
 Blackfoot River
 Cleanup Day!
- Tuesday, August 5
 Milltown Design Review

 Team Project Tour
- September 7-11,2008
 National Summit of Mining Communities, Butte.
- Tuesday, Sept. 23
 Milltown Redevelopment
 Working Group resumes
 its monthly meetings.
 Join us from 6:30-9:00
 pm at the Bonner
 Lutheran Church.



Upcoming work:

- Continue sediment excavation and hauling.
- Continue removal of the remainder of the Milltown Dam; removal should take about 4 months to complete.
- July 22, begin work on left abutment (3 weeks); bluff will be closed to the public
- Work continues on Hwy 200 bridge (MDT)
- Work continues on the Bonner Pedestrian bridge (Missoula County).

To view on-going activities, visit: http://www.clarkfork.org/ click on the webcam.

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.

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VIOLATORS and TRESPASSERS WILL BE FINED.

For more information, contact Montana FWP at 542-5500.

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

Work on the left abutment of the Dam (shown below) has begun! During this time (approximately 3 weeks), the bluff overlook will be closed to the public.



