

## Cleanup Update

# Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site

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Status: The Milltown Project continues to go very well and is on schedule. Project personnel have worked **208,457 hours** without time lost to injury.

**Demolition of the Milltown Dam continues.** As you can see from this photo, very little remains of the former Milltown Dam. Demolition of the Dam structures began in January 2008 and will be complete this fall. The radial gate has been sent to Pacific Steel for recycling. Project managers expect to breach the spillway coffer dam in November 2008.



- **Continue excavating sediments and loading 45 rail cars each day.** To date, **1,405,073 tons** (1,080,800 cubic yards) of sediment have been hauled to the Anaconda Smelter Superfund Site for reclamation use. Excavation of the triangle sediments just upstream of the former spillway continues.
- **Continue returning borrowed soils** to the Bonner Development Group's land. These soils were used in the construction of the temporary berm along the Blackfoot River.
- The US Army Corps of Engineers plans to begin work on **the westside slope protections** for the I-90 bridge abutments and embankments along the Blackfoot River. The westside embankment will be designed so a **pedestrian/biking trail** can be installed there at a later date. The plan is to link the "Milltown Gateway" area to the Confluence area by a trail under the Highway 200, MRL, and I-90 bridges.
- Work continues for replacement of **State Highway 200 and Pedestrian bridges over the Blackfoot River in Milltown.** Both bridges should be in this fall.
- Missoula County continues to work on the **pedestrian loop trail** along Highway 210 E up the Turah interchange and back, linking up with the trail that was built last year.



New span for Milltown pedestrian bridge

**Milltown Reservoir  
Community Office**  
(315 Anaconda St., Milltown, MT)

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

**(406) 258-5155**

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, Sept. 23**  
Milltown Redevelopment Working Group resumes its monthly meetings. Join us from 6:30-9:00 pm at the Bonner Lutheran Church.
- **Tuesday, October 7**  
Design Review Team tour of the project
- **Tuesday, October 14**  
4—5:30 pm EPA staff will be on the **Bluff** and offer a "visual" tour of the project and answer questions.  
6:30—8:30 pm EPA will host a public meeting in the **Bonner School Gym** to provide on update on project activities and report on recent studies. There will be plenty of time for discussion.

## 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 the Turah Fishing Access;  
Blackfoot River users must exit at Weigh Station.

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

## Upcoming work:

- Continue sediment excavation and hauling.
- Continue removal of the remainder of the Milltown Dam; removal should take about 2 more months to complete.
- Continue monitoring surface and groundwater.
- Work continues on Hwy 200 bridge (MDT)
- Work continues on the Bonner Pedestrian bridge (Missoula County).
- Work continues on the Turah loop trail (Missoula County)
- Next week, State will conduct LIDAR survey of restoration project area to gauge changes
- In next 2 weeks, begin removing logs from the Blackfoot River (State of Montana)



The photo above shows sediment dewatering continuing downstream of the former dam spillway.



View of the Milltown Project area showing bypass channel, cells of excavated sediment, and the rail cars being loaded for transport. All photos by Keith Large, DEQ, 9/16/08.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

<b>2008</b>	<b>Sediment removal</b>
	Rail hauling sediments
	Build coffer dams
	Powerhouse removal
	Stage 2 drawdown
	MRL bridge mitigation
	Replace Hwy 200 bridge
	Replace walking bridge
	Spillway removal
<b>2009</b>	<b>Sediment removal</b>
	Restoration
	Redevelopment
<b>2010</b>	<b>Restoration</b>
	Redevelopment
<b>2011</b>	<b>Restoration</b>
	Redevelopment

To view on-going activities, visit:

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

