

Cleanup Update

Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site

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Status: The Milltown Project continues to go very well and is on schedule.

Remediation and Restoration

- **Completed excavation of the Area IIIb sediments.** The sediments were disposed of in the Tunnel Pond repository. Excavation of the IIIb sediments began the very end of August and was completed on schedule in December. A total of 223,967 cubic yards were removed—just slightly less than the rough estimate of 230,000 cubic yards. Removal of this material was made possible by an agreement between the State of Montana and ARCo (and its representatives) and funding obtained by the Clark Fork Coalition through a grant from the State Natural Resource Damages Program. Removal of this material will result in a wider floodplain upstream of the former Milltown Dam.
- **Finishing the grading of the pre-cap surface on the Tunnel Pond repository.**
- **Continuing to place rip rap on the Tunnel Pond buttress slope.**
- **Continuing work on the Grading Plan** in the Remedial Project area; excavating general fill from areas K and J to fill the III-b area.
- **Restoration work upstream:** Completing some fill in the abandoned Clark Fork River channel and creating wetlands. Completion of this work may be delayed by frozen conditions.
- The Monthly Design Review Team (DRT) tour was held on Tuesday, December 5.



Working by moonlight?!!! Final days of excavation of the Area III-b sediments, December 2009. Doug Martin photo.

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



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Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, January 19**
Milltown Redevelopment Working Group meeting 6:30 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
- **Winter 2010**
Transfer of property owned by NorthWestern and the local Carpenter's Union to the State of Montana
- **Winter 2010**
"Substantial Completion" of Remedial Action; State of Montana's Restoration program assumes Site lead
- **Thursday and Friday, March 4-5, 2010**
Clark Fork Symposium
"Conservation Science in the Basin—looking ahead and back 25 years" Will be held at the University of Montana in Missoula. Please send abstracts to vicki.watson@umontana.edu

On-going and Upcoming work:

- Continue excavation in Areas K and J;
- Complete along Tunnel Pond buttress;
- Continue surface and groundwater monitoring of Clark Fork River and wells;
- NRDP continues to monitor surface water for turbidity from upstream activities;
- Continue restoration work in the very upper end of the reservoir (above former Duck Bridge);
- Redevelopment/Park planning continues—hope to hear an announcement from the Governor's Office soon about the NRDP grant awards for 2010; and
- Plan to begin work on the Power House repository later this week.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

2009 Remediation
Restoration

2010 Redevelopment
Restoration
Redevelopment

2011 Remediation
Restoration
Redevelopment



December 2009: Newly finished upstream channel of the Clark Fork River channel (Doug Martin photo).