

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 a total of 341,850 hours without time lost to injury (2/14/2010).

Remediation and Restoration and Redevelopment

- **Completed Grading Plan work in Sediment Accumulation Area III-b**
- **Completed placement of rip rap** Tunnel Pond buttress. The Tunnel Pond Repository was an existing on-site repository and was expanded to hold excavated material from the project area, including the SAA-IIIb sediments.
- **Completed excavation of Sediment Accumulation Area IV sediments.** These sediments were used to provide a cover for the Tunnel Pond repository. The repository will be seeded this spring.
- **Reclamation work has begun on the Two Rivers Park area** owned and operated by the Bonner Development Group (BDG). Clean soils stockpiled on the Missoula County Sheriff's Posse Grounds are being hauled to the Two Rivers Park area for re-grading. The BDG Board of Directors toured the site, discussed and approved the reclamation plan for that area.
- **The Agencies have approved the final Operation and Maintenance Plan for the on-site repositories and the Remedial Action Monitoring Plan (RAMP).** The O&M plan describes how the repositories will be monitored to ensure that the cleanup continues to be protective of public health and the environment. This plan covers the Tunnel Pond repository, the right bank repository (near the former site of the Powerhouse) and the Upland Disposal Area (an existing repository that was not modified during cleanup activities). The RAMP describes what monitoring will be done during the time between "Substantial Completion" of remedial activities and when the removal and regarding of the Clark Fork River Bypass Channel begins.



Looking upstream over the remedial project area (the former reservoir) from the crest of the completed Tunnel Pond Repository berm (March 2, 2010).

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

- **Spring 2010**
Transfer of property owned by NorthWestern and the local Carpenter's Union to the State of Montana
- **Spring 2010**
"Substantial Completion" of Remedial Action; State of Montana's Restoration program assumes Site lead
- **Tuesday, March 23**
Milltown Redevelopment Working Group bi-monthly meeting. This month the group will tour the site beginning at 6:00 pm. Workgroup members, please check your email for details or call Peter or Diana.
- **Saturday, April 17**
2nd Annual Superfun(d) Run in Bonner. Participate in a 1 mile, 5K or 10K run. For more information, call Sue Furey at 258-2888 or visit: www.friendsof2rivers.org
- **Tuesday, April 20**
Milltown Public Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm in the Bonner School Library. Please join us to learn the latest on the 3Rs: remediation, restoration, and redevelopment.
- **On-going:**
Bonner-Milltown History Center is open for business in the Bonner Post Office Building. The hours are 2:00 - 4:30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

On-going and Upcoming work:

- EPA and the State have received the request from Environ (on behalf of the Settling Defendants, Atlantic Richfield and NorthWestern Energy) seeking approval of "Substantial Completion" of Remedial Action. The Agencies are currently considering this request.
- FWP has placed fish cages in Clark Fork and Blackfoot Rivers for monitoring
- FWP will be radio-tagging fish in April and conducting annual estimates of fish populations in June
- Continue groundwater and well monitoring;
- Redevelopment/Park planning continues— Two NRDP grants and federal funding awarded for Milltown area work.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

2010	Restoration Redevelopment
2011	Remediation Restoration Redevelopment
2012	Redevelopment



Monthly Design Review Team tour of the Site on March 2, 2010.



View from the Milltown Overlook—the newly created Clark Fork River channel is visible as are the wetland and swale areas of the new floodplain. These areas will be planted and seeded this spring (2010). Photo March 2, 2010.



View from the Milltown Overlook (looking east) of the graded and covered Tunnel Pond Repository. This area will be seeded this spring (Photo March 2, 2010).