

## Cleanup Update

# Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site

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

### Remediation and Restoration

- Channel and floodplain construction upstream of Duck Bridge nearly complete.
- Removing the Duck Bridge diversion dike to allow diversion of the Clark Fork River into the new channel.
- Building the right bank of the new channel (near old Duck Bridge) to divert the river away from the bypass channel.
- Expect to divert the Clark Fork River into its new channel in early December
- New Blackfoot and Clark Fork River confluence construction complete; visible from the Milltown Bluff Overlook.
- Continue revegetation and weed control activities this fall and next spring.
- Completed vegetation and channel monitoring for 2010; results available in 2011.
- Log and pier removal continues on the Blackfoot River (funded with an NRD grant); expect to remove up to 5000 logs (7500 logs were removed in 2 previous efforts).
- Milltown Project public meeting held November 10 provided an update about the on-going and planned Remediation, Restoration, and Redevelopment work.



Channel work in progress immediately upstream of Duck Bridge (photo 11/10/2010). Bioengineered materials ("Coir" - coconut logs - planted with willows) line the new channel banks. Crib structure in the foreground is a remnant of an old wagon crossing that predated the old Duck Bridge circa 1880-1900 which looks like it may have built on a traditional crossing of the Clark Fork River to access Deer Creek and Pattee Canyon to the south.

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

- **Look for in Dec. 2010:**
  - Diversion of the Clark Fork River into new channel
  - Transfer of North Western Energy land to the State of MT
- **Tuesday, Dec. 14 Milltown Design Review Team Tour of Project**
- **Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011 Milltown Redevelopment Working Group meeting** 6:30-8:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bonner.
- **Bonner-Milltown History Center** is open for business in the Bonner Post Office Building. The hours are 2:00 - 4:30 pm Tues., Weds., and Thurs.

### On-going and Upcoming work:

- Restoration work monitoring, maintenance
- Continue surface, groundwater and domestic well monitoring;
- Continue well servicing program;
- Completion of upstream floodplain and channel restoration work
- Continue Site redevelopment/Park planning —Two NRDP grants and federal funding awarded for Milltown area work; FWP hiring a park manager for the Milltown Site.
- Upcoming:
  - Begin repairs along the east and west side embankments of I-90 along the Blackfoot River
  - Begin I-90 corner work (junction of the Blackfoot River and bypass channel)
  - Begin Five Year Review
  - Reclamation of the bypass channel starting in 2011



Photo above: Design Review Team Tour, 11/10.

Photo below (11/10/2010): view of the Milltown Site from the Bluff Overlook. Note the winding new Clark Fork River Channel and confluence. Stockpiled material will be used to reclaim the Clark Fork River bypass channel in 2011.



## PROJECT SCHEDULE

2010	Restoration
2011	Redevelopment
2012	Remediation
	Restoration
	Redevelopment
	Remediation

### 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.**

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