

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.
- **Clark Fork River was diverted into its new/original channel on Thursday, December 16, 2010. A press conference was held to mark the event.**
- Following diversion of the Clark Fork River, "plugs" will be installed in the inlet and outlet of the Bypass Channel and if necessary, water will be pumped out to facilitate removal of the reno mattress, TRM (turf reinforcing material—the green part on the sides of the upper portion of the Bypass Channel). Removal of the Bypass Channel is a Remedial Activity that is expected to take approximately five months to complete (weather permitting).
- Work on the erosion protection for the I-90 embankments and corner work will occur this winter, along with the minor modifications to the I-90 center piers.
- Log and pier removal continues on the Blackfoot River (funded with an NRD grant); removed approximately 9000 logs (7500 logs were removed in 2 previous efforts) as well as other material (cables, debris) from the Blackfoot River upstream of the Pedestrian Bridge. The old bridge piers will be removed at a later date.



One last look at the Bypass Channel containing the diverted Clark Fork River (photo 12/14/10). Workers shown completing work in the new channel just upstream of the where the Clark Fork River will merge into the channel constructed in the Remedial Project Area. Amid fanfare and speeches, the Clark Fork River entered its newly constructed channel on Thursday, December 16, 2010. The next big project will be removal and regrading of the Bypass Channel and floodplain; work should be complete in spring 2011.

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

- **Happy Holidays to all! Wishing everyone a wonderful 2011!**
Looking back, 2010 has been a great year for the Milltown project and the Clark Fork River!
- **Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011 Milltown Redevelopment Working Group meeting** 6:30-8:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bonner.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 11 Milltown Design Review Team Tour of Project**
- **Saturday, Feb. 12 "Hooked on Art" FREE** from 10-4 pm at the Bonner School. Featuring the art of and a gallery talk by *George Gogas*.
- **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 floodplain restoration
- Continue Site redevelopment/Park planning
- 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)
 - Conduct Milltown Five Year Review
 - Bypass channel removal/reclamation

Diverting the Clark Fork River December 16, 2010



PROJECT SCHEDULE

2010	Restoration
2011	Redevelopment
2012	Remediation
	Restoration
	Redevelopment
	Redevelopment

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.

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

The Clark Fork River in its new "original" channel, joining the Blackfoot River. What a gift for all!

Photo at left: The Clark Fork River in its new "original" channel, as it winds its way through the former Milltown Reservoir. This project was only possible through the extraordinary cooperation among so many parties: state, federal, tribal, local governments, community organizations and area residents.