

## 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

- Removal of the **Clark Fork River Bypass Channel** began the week of January 24, 2011. Work continued—weather permitting— and now most of the Reno mattresses have been removed and the rock salvaged. The Reno mattresses were rock-filled wire cages that lined the lower sides and bottom of the Bypass Channel. Some Reno mattresses will be left in place on the north side to provide protection for the Interstate. The green Turf Reinforcing Material is frozen in place and will be removed when it thaws.
- The **Railroad bridge** that crossed the Clark Fork River Bypass Channel was removed last week (week of February 28, 2011).
- Will begin backfilling the Bypass Channel, starting at the upper end. Work should begin the week of March 7 and be completed later this spring (timing depends on the weather).
- Upstream, restoration contractors are completing the **final floodplain grading** and should be finished by early April (weather permitting). Next, the **micro topography** work (placement of large woody debris) and revegetation (weather permitting).
- Work on the **I-90 Bridge** embankments to remove the a-jacks and place rip rap has begun. The west side should be complete by the end of March. The east side and corner work will be done this summer. Divers pulled the old steel that had been left from the original coffer dam used during bridge construction. The concrete seal of the downstream center pier was modified by removal of an overhang. Grouting will be done when temperatures permit (above 70 degrees F).



March 8, 2011: Looking downstream at the now nearly dry Clark Fork River Bypass Channel. The railroad bridge used to cross the bypass channel in the foreground of this photo. The bridge was removed last week. Members of the Design Review Team toured the Site on March 8 and discussed the progress.

These updates are intended to provide you with the latest information about Remediation Restoration and Redevelopment activities at the Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site.



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## Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, April 12**  
**Milltown Design Review Team Tour of Project**
- **Tuesday, April 12**  
**Milltown Redevelopment Working Group meeting**  
6:30-8:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bonner.
- **Saturday, April 16**  
**3rd Annual Superfun(d) Run** featuring a 1 mile fun run and 5k and 10k races. For information, please visit FoTR at: [www.friendsof2rivers.org](http://www.friendsof2rivers.org)
- **April 22 is EARTH DAY!**
- **Bonner-Milltown History Center** in the Bonner Post Office Bldg. Hours are 2:00 - 4:30 pm on Tues., Weds., Thurs.

## Redevelopment News

- In December 2010, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) hired **Mike Kustudia** as the new Milltown Park Manager. Mike is now the lead for Park planning and redevelopment. Mike has been involved in the Milltown project for years, serving on the CFRTAC Board, then as a consultant to CFRTAC, and also on the Milltown Redevelopment Working Group. Mike brings a lot of knowledge and talent to his new position. Mike is located in Missoula's FWP office. He can be reached at 542-5533. **Welcome!**
- **Park Planning** continues with the design and engineering work this spring.
- Development will focus on the "**Milltown Gateway**" (along the west side of the Blackfoot River) and the "**Confluence**" area.
- Also underway is **interpretive planning** for the new park—funded by a Preserve America grant through the Montana State Historic Preservation Office.
- And finally! Designs and interpretive displays are being finalized for the **Milltown Bluff Overlook**. Construction is expected to begin in May and take less than a month to complete. This work is funded by EPA through a cooperative agreement with the State of Montana. **Please stay tuned!**

## PROJECT SCHEDULE



### 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.



Photo left (3/8/11): This large cottonwood was uncovered during sediment removal upstream of Duck Bridge. This area will have additional woody debris added and will be revegetated this spring/fall. The surface will also promote the natural deposition of cottonwood seed, helping to promote the growth of future giants like this one.