

Consent Decree

The Milltown site Consent Decree is an agreement signed by United States, State of Montana, Conf. Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Arco and NorthWestern. It includes Negotiated terms and costs for integrated remediation and restoration, and became effective on April 10 2006

Consent Decree funds will pay for:

- Sediment removal,
- Dam removal,
- Restoration,
- Historic preservation,
- Bull trout mitigation,
- Fisheries Protection
- Stimson Dam removal,
- Highway mitigation,
- Reimbursement of past federal costs,
- Future oversight costs

Under the Consent Decree, Arco is responsible for paying the following costs:

- \$70 million financial assurance for cleanup
- \$ 6 million for past EPA costs
- \$ 2.1 Million oversight costs
- \$ 4 million highway mitigation
- \$ 230,000 Stimson Dam
- \$ 50,000 historic mitigation
- \$ 82,380,000 Total

Under the Consent Decree, NorthWestern is responsible for the following costs:

- \$ 7.5 Million to Arco for Remediation
- \$ 3.9 Million to State for Restoration
- \$ 80,000 for Stimson Dam Removal
- \$ 94,356/year Fisheries protection
- \$ 250,000/year bull trout mitigation
- \$ 50,000 Historic mitigation
- \$ 12,124,356 (2 years to dam removal)

The State of Montana will contribute \$7.6 Million for site restoration. These funds originated from a lawsuit settlement with Arco.

The EPA will pay for mitigation of bridges on the Blackfoot river, and replacement of domestic wells that do not provide adequate water supply as a result of reservoir drawdown.