

# SAFETY HAZARDS



Temporary bridges crossing the Clark Fork River and temporary dams are impassable to floaters. Portage would be extremely dangerous and will not be allowed due to a National Park Service Floodplain Closure.



Excavators removing tailings from the banks of the Clark Fork present a hazard to floaters. Large equipment operators have limited visibility and may not see people within reach of the swinging excavator arm.



During excavation, the banks may be steepened, the floodplain may be rough and sloughing can be dangerous to untrained personnel.



Excavations such as dewatering trenches present hazards to people walking across the site even when equipment is not present. These trenches can be slippery and have unknown depths as well as unstable banks.

The DEQ requires strict adherence to health and safety plans from its construction contractors. These health and safety plans include site security, site access restrictions, and extensive safety training. Allowing the public access to a construction site puts the public and site workers in danger.

For More Information: [deq.mt.gov/Land/fedsuperfund/cfr](http://deq.mt.gov/Land/fedsuperfund/cfr)

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