

**Update as of 1500, July 22, 2023**

**Stillwater Train Derailment Press Release**

*Reed Point, Montana (July 22, 2023) – 3:00pm*

Montana Rail Link has resumed operations with the completion of bridge construction efforts at the site of the June 24th derailment near Reed Point. Significant progress was made over the last week of construction, allowing the first train to cross over the newly constructed bridge at approximately 11:30am this morning. Construction work was completed ahead of initial estimates, allowing service to officially be restored 28 days post-outage. As normal train traffic resumes, crews and contractors will remain on site to remove all equipment and material utilized throughout the process and continuing to restore the area. The safety of these crews, our employees, and members of the public remains our top priority as train service is restored. We would like to thank all of the responders, contractors, and our employees involved with getting this work done in such an expeditious manner, as well as the local communities involved over the course of the last month. Montana Rail Link will continue to work with EPA, MT DEQ, and Stillwater County under a Unified Command structure as river operations and cleanup efforts continue. MRL remains committed to addressing any impacts to the area as a result of this incident.

