Project Description:
The McNamara Road project is comprised of 5.7 miles of one to two lane aggregate surfaced road which provides access to recreation opportunities along the Lower Blackfoot River. The road is managed by the Missoula Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office and is located 17.5 miles east of Missoula, Montana off highway MT-200. The project scope will be to recondition and pave the 5.7 miles from Johnsrud Day Use Area to Whitaker Bridge. There will be vegetation removal, roadway widening, drainage installation, and a mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall and guardrail installed to accomplish the roadway improvements.

Surface Conditions:
The existing road conditions are a rough gravel surface varying from single to double lane width. The portion of road open for residential travel will remain a dirt and gravel surface until pavement is placed and will be maintained for safe travel.

Current and Upcoming Work:
Survey and staking is ongoing. Clearing and grubbing operations are completed. Conservation of topsoil is taking place with roadway excavation and embankment following as operations move up the road from the road closure.

Next week, construction operations will include, but are not limited to, continued survey and staking, topsoil conservation with roadway excavation and embankment, and pipe culvert installation.

Traffic Closure/Delays:
ROAD CLOSURE: Road closed just past Messina Drive to Whitaker Bridge (5/31/22 to 10/28/22).

DETOUR: Use Ninemile Prairie Road as detour.

CONSTRUCTION DELAYS: Potential construction delays up to 30 minutes each passage through the project from Johnsrud Day Use Area to Messina Drive (5/31/22 to 10/28/22)

The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is available for viewing at the Contractor's on site project office. See permit information posted on site.

Project Website: https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/projects/mt/blm-wmdd-0427-1

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