

Sun River Bridge Replacement Project

Project Information

Project Number:

MT FLAP BOR 2980(1)

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Project Partners:

Bureau of Reclamation

Bureau of Land Management

U.S. Forest Service

Greenfields Irrigation District

Contractor:

Hamilton Construction Co.

2213 South F Street

Springfield, OR 97477

Work Schedule:

Mon-Sat: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Notice to Proceed:

01/22/2025

Fixed Completion Date:

10/31/2026

Project Description:

This project includes the construction of a new 462 ft single lane bridge, the creation of 18 stations of new roadway alignment, the removal of the existing bridge, and the obliteration of the existing roadway approaches.

Project Staff:

Matt Poppe, PE

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Current Construction Activities

July 17, 2025

Hamilton Construction recently completed the installation of the temporary work bridge and the Piles for Abutment #4, deep foundations on the East side of the Sun River. Hamilton's subcontractor, Inland Foundation Specialties, has also commenced drilling the 10-foot diameter drilled shaft at Pier 2 for the permanent bridge.

Upcoming Construction Activities

Concurrent to the drilled shaft construction, the Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) wall will begin construction at Abutment #4 on the east side of the Sun River.

Temporary Work Bridge (looking south)



Delays and Closures: (Thank you for your patience.)

Possible minor traffic delays for work occurring near the new road alignment with road closures of up to 20 minutes.

Between **6/15/25** and **11/15/25** the construction zone will be extremely active and a danger to the public. **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ACCESSING THIS AREA.** Walk-in access is permitted above and below the zone and additional signed boat access a few miles below the zone.



Project Website: <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/projects/mt/flap-bor-2980-1>

Western Federal Lands Highway Division



Lowering a small excavator to the work zone to minimize the impact to the environment.



Clearing for Drilled Shaft at Pier #2 (west side).



The south side of the Temporary Work Bridge. Abutment #1 is in the background on west side.