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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:

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Current Construction Activities

August 1, 2025

Construction operations for the MSE wall continue with grading at Abutment #4 on the east side of Sun River. Drilled shaft work for Pier #2 is underway including construction of the reinforcing steel cages in advance of concrete placement in the shafts. Active Aggregate, construction materials and equipment deliveries continue to arrive onsite via the Pishkin Road from Choteau and will continue throughout the summer.

Upcoming Construction Activities

Work activities will continue to progress on the MSE walls on the east side of the Sun River. In addition, operations will continue with the drilling of two 10-foot diameter drilled shafts-one on each side of the Sun River.

Constructing the Steel Reinforcing Cage for Drilled Shaft



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 7/23/25 and 11/15/25 the construction zone will be extremely active and dangerous for the public. **DUE TO THIS, THE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION ZONE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND TO ALL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. THIS AREA INCLUDES THE SUN RIVER 500' ABOVE AND BELOW THE NEW BRIDGE (FWP MAR NOTICE NO. 2025-301.1)**

Walk-in access is permitted above and below the zone & 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

Drill Rig on Work Bridge 40' above Pier #2



Lowering Steel Casing Down to Pier #2 Construction



MSE Wall Underdrain Construction



Components for Mechanically Stabilized Earth wall