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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 14, 2025

Construction operations continue with the Bridge Pier #2 drilled shaft complete to tip elevation, The Bridge Pier #3 drilled shaft is nearing tip elevation. The MSE wall on the east side is approximately 50% complete. The Pishkin Road from Choteau continues to be active and will be ongoing with the delivery of aggregates, construction materials, and equipment.

Upcoming Construction Activities

Upon the completion of the MSE walls on the east side of the Sun River, work will begin on the west side roadway and remaining MSE walls. The drilling of the two 10-foot drilled shafts are concluding and will be followed by the placement of the steel rebar cages and concrete, with the Cross-hole Sonic Logging (CSL) testing finalizing the work of the drilled shafts.

Busy Construction Site



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 to the public. **ACCORDINGLY, 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 construction zone and additional signed boat access is available 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

Additional Construction Highlights

Activity on the Temporary Work Bridge.



Drilling Pier #3 Drilled Shaft from the Temporary Work Bridge with significant support apparatus.



Aggregates being delivered to the east side of Sun River coming up Pishkin Road.



MSE wall construction on the east side at approximately 20% complete.