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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

September 25, 2025

Work continues to make strong progress at the bridge site. Drilled shafts at Piers 2 and 3 are now complete, with rebar cages projecting above the shafts. The Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) wall on the east side has reached approximately 60% completion, while MSE Walls 1 and 2 on the west side are about 30% complete. Construction of Abutment #4 on the east side has also been finalized.

Upcoming Construction Activities

In the weeks ahead, crews will continue building up the columns for Piers 2 and 3 with concrete above the drilled shafts along the Sun River. Much of this work will be performed from the deck of the temporary work bridge. In addition, truck traffic transporting materials to the site will continue along Pishkun Road from Choteau.

Abutment 4 (east side) Concrete Placement



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

Installing Pier 2 Column Reinforcing Steel prior to Concrete Placement.



Pier 2 Drilled Shaft Concrete Placement



Busy Temp Work Bridge with Column Form Ready to be Installed.



Worker on Pier 2 Column Cage Securing Guy Wires for Stability.