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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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**Federal Highway
Administration**

Current Construction Activities

October 24, 2025

The 2025 construction season is rapidly approaching winter shutdown, as the final phases of the bridge foundation construction nears completion. Abutments 1 & 4 are completed and Piers 2 & 3 are in the final stages of construction.

Upcoming Construction Activities

In the weeks ahead, crews will place falsework, reinforcing steel and structural concrete for the Column Pier Caps 2 & 3. Concurrently, Hamilton's team is making final preparations and attending to final punch-list and clean-up work prior to the winter shutdown. Truck traffic will also continue along the Pishkun Road for the next several weeks for the delivery of construction materials and the demobilization of project equipment and infrastructure to conclude the 2025 construction season. The project is scheduled to recommence in mid-April 2026.



Pier 2 Column (west side) Concrete Placement Stage 2

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

Pier 3 Column stripped and preparing for the installation of the pier cap falsework.



Completed foundation work to date.



Pier Cap Falsework Deck Preparation



Aerial photo of current status of the project.