

# Sun River Bridge Replacement Project

## Project Information

### **Project Number:**

MT FLAP BOR 2980(1)

### **FHWA Contact:**

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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

Larry Quirk, CI

Kathryn Johnston, Intern

Desiree Nelson, Project Admin



## **Current Construction Activities**

November 7, 2025

As the 2025 construction season nears its winter shutdown, crews are completing the final phases of bridge foundation work. This week marks significant progress on the project, with Abutments 1 & 4 and Piers 2 & 3, which includes all drilled shafts, columns, and caps being fully constructed.

## **Upcoming Construction Activities**

In the weeks ahead, crews will finalize all remaining construction activities for this season and complete final punch-list items to ensure the project site is left in a safe and clean condition for the 2025/2026 winter shutdown. Truck traffic will continue along Pishkun Road as equipment and materials are demobilized from the site over the next few weeks, with completion expected prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Looking ahead to spring 2026, one of the first major operations will be the installation of the bridge girders onto the abutments and piers, which will be a significant milestone marking the transition from foundation work to superstructure construction.



**Pier 3 Cap Prepared for 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

**Piers 2 & 3 Caps Preparing for Concrete Placement**



**Pier 3 Cap Concrete Placement**



**Ariel view of Recent Construction Activities**



**Pier 3 Cap Construction**