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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:

Matt Poppe, PE

Larry Quirk, CI

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Current Construction Activities

May 8, 2026

The second year of the project commenced on 4/13/26, and the Contractor has begun preparing for girder placement by assembling the girder launching equipment and continuing to mobilize construction equipment and materials.

Upcoming Construction Activities

In the weeks ahead, crews will continue preparations for the installation of the bridge girders (with the first girder installation scheduled for May 27) and deck panels that will span the Sun River. Truck traffic will continue along Pishkun and Sun Canyon Roads as equipment and materials are delivered to the project site. Following girder placement, the pace of project work is expected to increase with construction of the bridge deck and bridge rail, as well as roadway, drainage, and other miscellaneous project features.



Completed Bridge Girders at Fabrication Yard in Spokane, WA

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 4/15/26 and 10/31/26 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 workzone.

Project Website: <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/projects/mt/flap-bor-2980-1>

Western Federal Lands Highway Division

Additional Construction Highlights



Completed Precast Concrete Deck Panels at Knife River Fabrication Yard in Spokane, WA.



Crews Installing the Girder Launching Tower on the West Side of the River in Preparation of Girder Placement at the End of May.