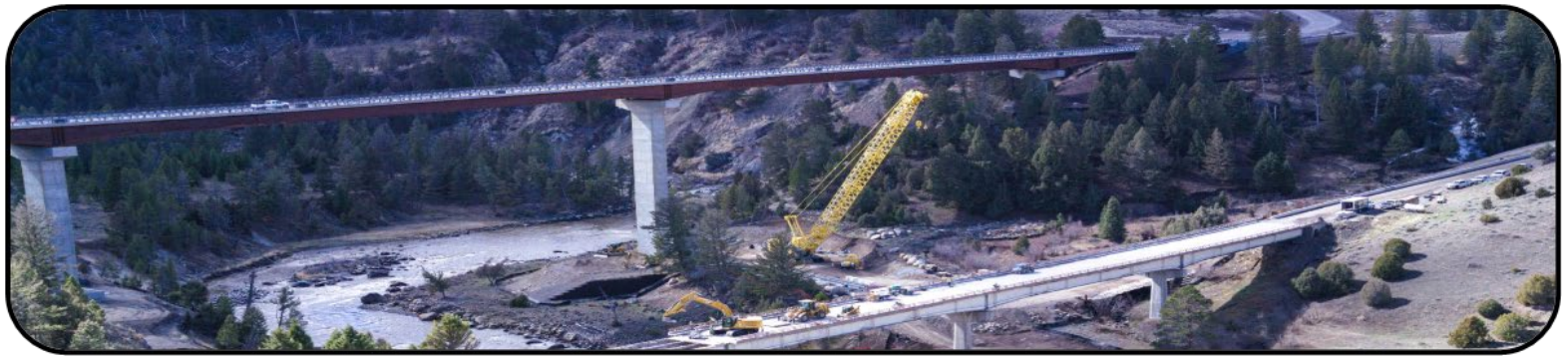




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Yellowstone River Bridge

Project Information

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Project Description

Utilizing Great American Outdoor Act Funding, the Yellowstone River Bridge project includes constructing a new bridge over the Yellowstone River, a new alignment to the bridge approach, expansion of picnic areas, and additional parking at various trailheads.

Construction Activities & Upcoming Work

Over the past several weeks, key construction milestones were completed across multiple sites. Paving crews achieved major progress, completing the final layer of asphalt at the Yellowstone River Trailhead Parking Lot and bottom lift asphalt on the Picnic Area Lower Loop. At Wrecker Circle, log curbing, topsoil placement, and aggregate base setup also reached completion. Meanwhile, at the Yellowstone River Bridge and Canyon Overlook, contractor teams finalized decorative cobblestone medians, set boulders in the rock and shrub garden, and completed asphalt paving for the main plaza. Construction on the equestrian bridge structure is now officially finished.



On Aug. 11, 2026, members of the HK Contractors asphalt crew stood on the newly paved plaza at the Yellowstone River Bridge and Canyon Overlook site, pausing to inspect their completed paving work as the major infrastructure project nears completion.



On Jul. 25, 2026, contractors finalized construction on the newly completed Equestrian Bridge, opening a safe pathway for horse riders and pedestrians.



On Jul. 29, 2026, HK Contractors completed the top lift of asphalt paving on the Yellowstone River Bridge Trailhead Parking Lot.



On Jul. 30, 2026, paving operations wrapped up the bottom lift asphalt layer on the Picnic Area Lower Loop.



On Aug. 7, 2026, crews completed log curbing, topsoil placement, and aggregate base work at Wrecker Circle.



On Aug. 13, 2026, the decorative cobblestone median at the Bridge and Canyon Overlook Parking was completed.

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Traffic Impact/Delays:

Expect occasional delays at the bridge, where traffic will sometimes be reduced to a single lane. Flaggers and a pilot car will take turns guiding vehicles through from each direction. These temporary delays will continue on and off through the fall, until work wraps up for the winter.

