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Notice to Proceed:

January 03, 2023

Fixed Completion

Date:

October 26, 2023



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Highway
Administration**

**North Fork of the Flathead River
Blankenship & Belton Stage Road Resurfacing**

Project Description:

This project is being administered by the Federal Highway Administration Western Federal Lands Highway Division, in partnership with Flathead National Forest, US Border Patrol and Flathead County. The project will provide an improved travel surface and replacement of existing culverts on sections of Belton Stage Road, Blankenship Road, and the last 5 miles of North Fork Road and Glacier Drive between Polebridge and Polebridge Ranger Station in Glacier National Park.



Surface Conditions:

Current road conditions consist of existing aggregate surface course.

Current and Upcoming Work:

Grading activities in the Belton Stage and Blankenship Road areas has begun. Work to replace existing culverts is mostly complete. Over the few weeks, construction crews will finalize culvert installation, finish reshaping the current road and will place compacted recycled asphalt for final surface. Work on the N. Fork Road and Glacier Dr. is expected to begin, mid-July. Clearing at Whale Creek material source is complete. Vehicles, motorcycles, and bicycles use extreme caution when traveling through these sections.



Traffic Delays:

Partial width closures and maximum of 30 minute delays should be anticipated when traveling within the project limits.



Full closure of the North Fork Road will begin August 6, 2023, approx. 5 miles south of the Canadian border. The North Fork Road will remain closed until completion in October 2023.

***The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for this project is available for viewing upon request. See SWPPP information posted at Belton Stage Rd. off Hwy 2.**

Project Website: [North Fork of the Flathead River | FHWA \(dot.gov\)](#)

Western Federal Lands Highway Division



**Constructing Subgrade at
Blankenship Road**

**Compacting Subgrade
at Blankenship Road**



**Clear and Grub at Whale Creek
Material Source**