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Project Partners:

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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. There are sections of rough road within existing conditions.



Current and Upcoming Work:

On Belton Stage and Blankenship Road, grading activities are nearing completion. Work to replace existing culverts is complete. Over the next few weeks, construction crews will finalize placement of the recycled asphalt millings.

On Glacier Drive near Polebridge, clearing, and grubbing activities are underway, and several culverts will soon be installed.

On North Fork Road, clearing and grubbing activities will begin in the next week. The contractor will also begin processing surface aggregates.



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 7, 2023, approx. 5 miles south of the Canadian border. The North Fork Road will remain closed until completion in October 2023.

Vehicles, motorcycles, and bicycles please use extreme caution when traveling through the project.

***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 \(dot.gov\)](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/flathead/)

Western Federal Lands Highway Division



**Applying Dust control at
Blankenship Road**

**Hauling Topsoil to Stockpile at
Whale Creek Source**



**Clearing Activities at
Glacier Drive**