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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 Blankenship Road, placement of recycled asphalt millings is nearing completion. Over the next few weeks, construction crews will place recycled asphalt millings on North and South Belton Roads and begin removing construction equipment and remaining materials from the project location.

On Glacier Drive near Polebridge, clearing, and grubbing activities are complete. A number of culverts have been installed and only a few remain to be constructed. Over the course of the next few weeks recycled asphalt millings will be placed along Glacier Dr. before beginning surface work near Polebridge Mercantile.

On North Fork Road, culvert installation, survey, clearing, and grubbing activities will begin in the next week. The contractor will also begin processing surface aggregates at Whale Creek Pit.



Traffic Delays:

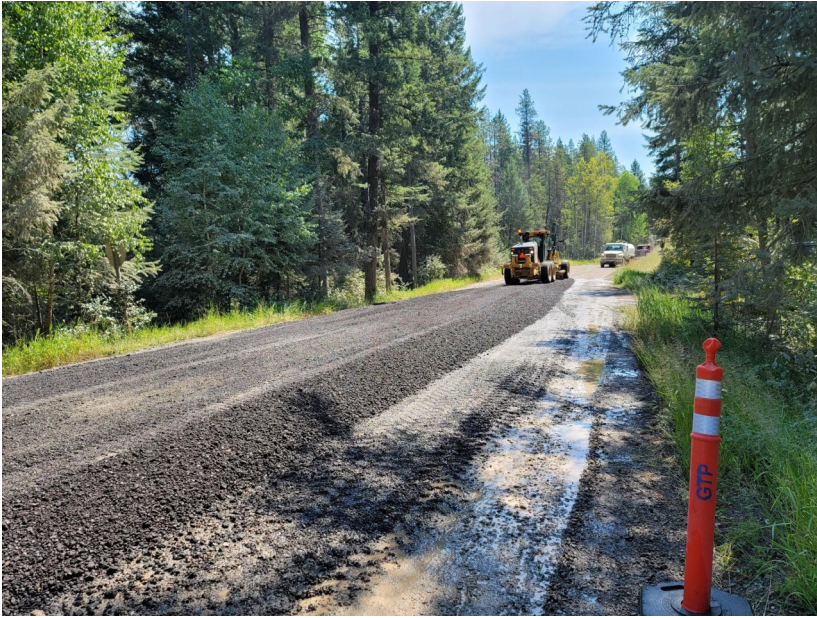
Partial width closures and maximum of 30 minute delays should be anticipated when traveling within the project limits.

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.

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

Western Federal Lands Highway Division



Placing Recycled Aggregate using Automated Machine Guidance

Processing Milled Asphalt at Gladys Glen



42" Culvert Installation at Glacier Drive