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**Notice to Proceed:**

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**Fixed Completion**

**Date:**

October 26, 2023



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## 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. Culvert installation is also complete. Once the crew has completed placement of millings on Blankenship & Belton Stage Roads, they will mobilize to Glacier Drive and start placing millings before beginning surface work near Polebridge Mercantile.

On North Fork Road, the contractors plan is to start 6-7 day work weeks until project completion. Culvert installation, survey, clearing, and grubbing activities are ongoing. The contractor is scheduled to mobilize the crushing operation and begin processing surface aggregates at Whale Creek Pit in the next week.



**Traffic Delays:**

Partial width closures with a maximum of 30 minute delays should be anticipated when traveling within the project limits near Belton and Blankenship Road. There is potential for single lane traffic conditions within the North Fork Road closure. In-holders, authorized agencies, and emergency traffic are advised to comply with traffic control and yield to oncoming traffic.

Full closure of North Fork Road will continue until project completion near the end of October 2023. The closure is from Trail Creek Road to the Canadian Border.

**Project Website:** [North Fork of the Flathead River | FHWA \(dot.gov\)](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/western-lands/)

**Western Federal Lands Highway Division**





**Public Traffic on Recycled Asphalt  
at Blankenship Rd.**

**Culvert Installation  
at North Fork Rd.**



**Culvert Excavation at N. Fork Rd.**