

Weekly Newsletter

Western Federal Lands Highway Division

Upper Hoh River Road Phase 2

September 11th, 2023

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WA JEFF 91420(1)

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Construction Activities and Upcoming Work

Since the last newsletter, 8/4/2023, the following work has taken place on the Upper Hoh River Road Phase 2 project:

- Completion of the temporary shoring wall system for first phase of the MP 4 box culvert installation, allowing for excavation to the foundation of the new culvert, while still maintaining a bypass lane for traffic.
- Installation of the work isolation and flow diversion system along the bank of the Hoh River at the outlet of the MP 4 box culvert, allowing for diversion of surface and ground water from the work site.
- Placement of the outlet sections of the 18ft tall x 20ft wide box culvert.
- Backfill of streambed material inside the culvert and at the outlet of the culvert
- Removal of the Hoh River work isolation and flow diversion system.
- Backfill of the roadway embankment on both sides of the culvert to re-establish the roadway alignment over the new culvert.
- Completion of 8 Engineered Log Jams (ELJs) at MP 3.5, completing all the ELJs that will be built for this project.

For more information, please visit the project website at:
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The following work is upcoming in the next couple of weeks:

- Swap traffic from the current bypass lane on the north side of the road to the south side, over the new MP 4 box culvert. This will allow installation of the remaining third of the culvert
- Complete temporary shoring wall for the next phase of culvert installation
- Excavate to the foundation elevation for the rest of the culvert
- Place the remaining sections of the box culvert and backfill
- Construct the Wetland Mitigation Site at MP 3.5
- Asphalt paving at the MP 4 box culvert and MP 7.8 Tower Creek sites

Impacts to Traffic

- **One lane traffic** with flaggers and/or temporary traffic signals at milepost 4 of Upper Hoh Road for culvert installation
- Expect delays up to a total of **30 minutes** per passage through the project corridor from **8AM-5PM**.
- Access to the Hoh Rain Forest Visitor Center and businesses along Upper Hoh Rd. remain accessible at all times during construction.

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Temporary Shoring Wall (Left) and Hoh River work isolation and flow diversion system (Right). Excavation to box culvert foundation elevation

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Placement of the MP 4 Box Culvert outlet sections

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Backfill of box culvert: placing borrow material, compacting, removing timber lagging shoring wall as backfill progresses upward



Completed Engineered Log Jams at MP 3.5

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