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October 26, 2023



U.S. Department
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**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. Placement of recycled asphalt millings on North Belton Stage Road. Over the next few weeks, construction crews will place recycled asphalt millings on North and South Belton Stage 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 contractor's plan is to work 6-7 days per week until project completion. Culvert installation, survey, clearing, and grubbing activities are ongoing. The contractor has mobilized the crushing operation and will 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 6-7 days a week 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/flathead/)

Western Federal Lands Highway Division



**Placing Recycled
Aggregate Base on
N. Belton Stage
Road.**

**Crusher Set up at
Whale Creek Pit**



**Culvert
Installation on
North Fork
Road**