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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 will soon be reworked for improved quality. Placement of recycled asphalt millings on North Belton Stage Road is nearing completion. Over the next few weeks, construction crews will complete placement of recycled asphalt millings on North and South Belton Stage Roads. Upon completion the crew will mobilize equipment and personnel to Glacier Dr.

On Glacier Drive near Polebridge, clearing, and grubbing activities are complete. Culvert installation is also complete. Construction crews have begun earthwork, cutting ditches, and establishing subgrade. Recycled asphalt placement will commence following completion of Blankenship and Belton Stage Rds.

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 nearing completion. The contractor has mobilized the crushing operation and has begun processing surface aggregates at Whale Creek Pit.



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



Recycled Asphalt Placed at N. Belton Stage Rd

Culvert Installation at N. Fork Rd



Clearing and Grubbing at N. Fork Rd.