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**Project Number:**

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**Project Partners:**

Flathead National Forest

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**Contractor:**

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**Notice to Proceed:**

January 03, 2023

**Estimated Completion**

**Date:**

July 2024



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, rutted, and ponding road within existing conditions.



**Current and Upcoming Work:**

On Blankenship Road and Belton Stage Roads recycled asphalt millings placement is completed. The construction crews are working on punchlist items and will be complete with these locations soon.

On Glacier Drive near Polebridge, clearing, and grubbing activities and culvert installation are complete. Construction crews have begun earthwork, cutting ditches, establishing subgrade, and recycled asphalt millings placement. This work will continue as long as weather allows.

On North Fork Road, the contractor's plan is to work 6-7 days per week as long as winter weather allows. Survey, clearing, and grubbing activities are complete. Installation of culverts and cutting of ditches along the N. Fork Rd is ongoing. The contractor has begun crushing operation and has been processing surface aggregates at Whale Creek Pit.

FHWA is partnering closely with the contractor and partners to develop a strategy for completing the project in the 2024 season.



**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. The North Fork Road remains closed until construction winter shutdown. In-holders, authorized agencies, and emergency traffic are advised to comply with traffic control and yield to oncoming traffic.

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

**Western Federal Lands Highway Division**





**Aggregate Stockpile Produced at Whale Creek Pit**

**Cutting Ditches at N. fork road**



**Developing Subgrade at Glacier Dr.**