

# North Fork of the Flathead River

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Notice to Proceed:

January 3, 2024

Fixed Completion Date:

August 16, 2024

Project scope includes providing an improved travel surface and replacement of existing culverts on sections of Belton Stage Road, Blankenship Road, the last 5 miles of North Fork Road, and Glacier Drive between Polebridge and the Polebridge Ranger Station in Glacier National Park.



## Construction Operations Highlights

**Current Construction Activities:**

The aggregate surface course placement has begun along North Fork Road. Finish grade and ditch work has been completed in the Mercantile area and along Glacier Drive towards the North Glacier National Park Entrance. The recycled aggregate base work on Belton Stage and Blankenship Roads are complete.

**Upcoming Construction Activities:** North Fork crews will continue working on grading roadway subgrade, slopes and drainage ditches. Glacier Drive crew will complete pavement marking, turf establishment will be sprayed and punch list items will be completed.



**Left Photo: Subgrade operation on North Fork Road.**



**Bottom Photo: Surface Aggregate Course on North Fork Road.**

Images by FHWA

**Work Schedule:**

Polebridge: 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM      North Fork: 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM



**Delays and Closures:** *(Please Have Patience During Construction)*

Minor delays for single lane closures of up to 30 minutes for road work. Follow signage and traffic control for pedestrian crossing and parking near the Polebridge Mercantile.



**Road or Parking Area Closures:** North Fork Road is closed up until October. The road is still accessible to residents, guests in surrounding cabins, County and Federal Employee Traffic.

**Project Website:** [North Fork of the Flathead River; Blankenship and Belton Stage Rd. Resurfacing](#)

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