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# YELLOWTAIL DAM AREA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

## Project Information

### **Project Number:**

MT BOR NPS 2021(1)

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### **Notice to Proceed:**

04/1/2024

### **Fixed Completion Date:**

10/2/2024

### **Project Description:**

The project includes pavement preservation, light rehabilitation, and guardrail replacement to meet current standards on roads in the North and South units of the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.

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## *Bighorn National Recreation Area Project Updates*

### **Current Construction Activities:**

**September 6, 2024**

Construction operations continue on the Yellowtail Dam Area Road Improvements project in the Bighorn National Recreation Area. North Unit construction activities this past week included sweeping operations following behind last week's chip seal operations. Pavement markings on the South Unit were completed this week. Punch-list items and project area clean up have begun.

### **Upcoming Construction Activities:**

Construction operations for next week will consist of North Unit pavement markings and work in the Upper OK-A-BEH Parking Lot.

### Chip Sealing on Power Plant Road



**Permanent Pavement Markings  
on Horseshoe Bend Road**



**Sweeping Operations after Chip Sealing  
NPS 313/Upper Wappa Switchyard Road**

### **Work Schedule**

Monday- Friday, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

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

**Delays:** Minor delays for single lane closures of up to 20 minutes for road work.

**Road or Parking Area Closures:** Expect single lane closures with flaggers for North Unit Operations. Mobile striping operations with minimal delays.

Partial Closure to Upper OK-A-BEH Parking Lot.



**Project Website:** <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/projects/mt/bor-nps-2021-1>

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