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YELLOWTAIL DAM AREA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Bighorn National Recreation Area Project Updates

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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Current Construction Activities:

September 13, 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 roadway striping, asphalt paving in the Upper OK-A-BEH parking lot, chip sweeping and finalizing guardrail installations.

Upcoming Construction Activities:

South Unit construction operations for next week will consist of curb painting and paving at the Horseshoe Bend Campground. Over the next several weeks final work and general cleanup will occur project wide as this project winds down.



Striping on OK-A-BEH Road



**Chip Sweeping at the OK-A-BEH
Marina Parking Lot**



**Removal of Replaced
Guardrail Posts**

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 project wide. Partial closures of several parking lots will occur as curb painting is completed. Loop A at the Horseshoe Bend Campground will be closed for paving operations. On the North Unit, Upper OK-A-BEH parking lot will be closed the week of September 23 for final paving and striping.



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

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