Western Federal Lands Highway Division

Petty Creek Road Newsletter

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Project Description

Petty Creek road is located near Alberton, MT south of exit 77 on I-90. The project begins after crossing the railroad tracks near the Clark Fork River and extends for 11.7 miles south into Lolo National Forest. Project improvements will include paving the first 9.8 miles to a consistent 24' width, replacing the Petty Creek Bridge at MP 9.7, improving roadway alignment and improving drainage. Missoula County will assume maintenance duties upon completion of the project.

Road Surface conditions

The current road surface is existing compacted gravel with large areas of newly constructed fill. All areas actively worked will be shaped at the end of each day's operations to a tight passable surface. Isolated soft spots and rough areas may still exist, please use caution.

Current and Upcoming Work

The contractor, West Co., is currently building roadway fill from the West Fork of Petty Creek to the end of the project at MP11.7. A roadway finishing operation has begun at the beginning of the project, and will be progressing south this year. Road work is expected to run until Nov. 30.

Traffic Delays

Please expect 15-30 minute delays, Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 6pm. Please use caution when passing laborers and machines working in the road and on the shoulder. There may be one-lane roadway left overnight, controlled with "Stop and proceed when clear" signage.

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The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for this project is available for viewing at the Office of the Project Engineer, located at 16862 Beckwith St, Suite N in Frenchtown.

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Above – Laying aggregate base for winter travel.
Below – Shotcrete application of soil nail retaining wall.