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CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT

West Fork Bitterroot River Road (along Painted Rocks Lake) MT PFH 66-1(3)

Accomplishments through May 2, 2003:

Crews continue to repair damaged silt fence. Surveying is continuing. The 18' culvert for Slate Creek has been ordered, delivery is expected by May 19, 2003. Excavation and Embankment operation have started and is going well North of Slate Creek

Future activities planned for the project:

Work on gabion wall # 2, north end of project will continue next week and possibly be completed by the end of the week. They will also start placing culverts across the roadway South of Slate Creek, so the **road closures will continue**. Excavation operations for the new 18' Slate Creek Culvert will start in the next couple of weeks.

Other news of note:

Pumco, Inc. current work schedule is 7:00 am to 5:30

As a reminder the road open/closure schedule is as follows:

7:00 pm to 8:00 am	Open Road
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Road Closure Permitted
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Open Road
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Open Road
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted

During Open Road periods expect short delays for flaggers and/or pilot car. Please be watchful of the flaggers and be prepared to stop, and follow the flaggers directions and follow the pilot car for your own safety as well as the safety of the works.

Please refer your questions, comments, or concerns to Todd Butikofer at (406) 821-9932 Drive Safe!

