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CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT

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

Accomplishments through July 3, 2003:

Work continued on the slide repair South of Slate Creek. The erection of the new Slate Creek culvert is complete and the backfill is continuing. Work is continuing on Gabion Wall #3 and #5 North of Slate Creek.

Future activities planned for the project:

There will be no work on the project tomorrow Friday, July 4. Work will continue on the new Slate Creek culvert, next week with Slate Creek being diverted into the new culvert midweek, this will take a couple of days.. Excavation and embankment operation will continue North of Slate Creek. Pumco has again completed their screening operation at the Alta pit, there will still be a truck or two hauling material for a few more weeks. Work will continue on the slide area South of the Slate Creek Bay, and walls # 3 and #5. Work may also continue on culverts, underdrains, and horizontal drains. Drilling and blasting North of Slate Creek may begin again next week.

Other news of note:

Pumco, Inc. current work schedule is 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday thru Friday. This means that Pumco, Inc will use a portion if not all of the 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm road closure. Work will continue through October of this year due to the new Slate Creek culvert being installed.

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 flagger's directions and follow the pilot car for your own safety as well as the safety of the workers.

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

