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CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT

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

Accomplishments through September 26, 2003:

Placement of base aggregate started and is continuing. The surveyors have started hubbing the base aggregate, and the guardrail crew did get a start yesterday. All culverts and underdrains under the mainline of the road have been completed except the slope drain portion of which several have been installed.

Future activities planned for the project:

Work will continue on the slope drain portion of the culverts as well as approach road culverts. Finishing of subgrade and placement of base aggregate will also continue. Punching of guardrail posts will also continue. Paving could start in about two or three weeks, weather permitting.

Other news of note:

Pumco, Inc. current work schedule is 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday thru Friday, **and 7:00 am to 3:30 pm Saturday. There will be no road closures on Saturdays, only flaggers and pilot cars.** Work will continue through October of this year due to the new Slate Creek culvert being installed. Work is still scheduled to be completed this year.

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!

