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## **CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT**

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

### **Accomplishments through November 8, 2002:**

As the weather has improved work is once again progressing on the fills around Slate Creek and from Slate Creek to the State Campground. Work on Gabion wall #2 started up again and the soil stabilization work to protect the slopes over the winter shut down has begun.

### **Future activities planned for the project:**

Pumco has resumed filling and excavating and hopes to begin placement of topsoil throughout the project soon. They have begun and will continue putting cross drains under the road for drainage. Work will continue on Gabion wall #2 where traffic is down to 1 lane with temporary concrete barriers dividing the traffic lane and the excavation. You may have noticed that work to extend the box culvert under the road at Slate Creek has been halted. It has been decided the project would be enhanced by removing the old concrete culvert and replacing it with a new pipe culvert. Pumco will begin this process on or about May 1 of 2003. There will be little if any obstructions to traffic during the change over and this in no way should extend the project timeline for completion.

### **Other news of note:**

The work shift for the week November 11 through November 15 will be 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, thereafter the work shift will be 8:30 am to 5:00 pm with lights for the flagger stations to allow road cleanup between 4:30 and 5:00pm. When the date for winter shut down is decided upon, it will be passed on to every one. Thank you for your patience and please drive safely through the project and follow the pilot car during the hours of operation. Please refer your questions, comments, or concerns to Todd Butikofer at (406) 821-9932 or E-mail [tbutikof@wfl.fha.dot.gov](mailto:tbutikof@wfl.fha.dot.gov) Thank You and Be Safe!

