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Construction beginning on Highway 43 near Wisdom

WISDOM – The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) will begin work on improvements to Highway 43 near Wisdom. Construction is expected to start the week of April 19th.

"Crews will start making improvements on several bridges on Highway 43 between Wisdom and Chief Joseph Pass, beginning with the Big Hole River Bridge just outside of Wisdom," said MDT Engineering Project Manager Jeff Harrison. "This bridge work is part of the Wisdom West Project which will also resurface the highway later this spring."

During construction:

- Traffic will be reduced to one lane.
- Traffic signals will direct traffic through the work zone.
- Expect 15 minute delays.
- Speed limit will be reduced.
- Vehicles over 10-feet-wide are restricted between Trail Creek Road and Wisdom and must use an alternate route.

"Road construction in the Big Hole Valley is very dependent on weather conditions," said Harrison. "MDT's contracting partner Schellinger Construction is working to get these bridges ready for paving as soon as the weather warms up."

Several road and bridge improvement projects are planned to take place on Highway 43 between Chief Joseph Pass and Wise River this year. Some of the work includes resurfacing approximately 35 miles of the highway, replacing two bridges over Trail Creek, repairing the Big Hole River and Ruby Creek bridges west of Wisdom, replacing a pipe culvert at Canyon Creek, upgrading guardrails, chip sealing 49 miles of pavement, and painting and striping the roadway. For more information about the projects visit: https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/hwy43/

For the safety of the public and workers, MDT encourages motorists to plan ahead, allow extra travel time, slow down, and use caution through work zones. Current construction information and road conditions can be found on the MDT Travel Info App at https://roadreport.mdt.mt.gov/travinfomobile/

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