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### **FOREST ROAD CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING**

Hamilton, MT, – The West Fork Ranger District has announced that it is closing a section of the remote Beaver Creek Road #91 due to a washout from high water at the Johnson Creek crossing. The creek has risen in just the last few days. So much so, that two culverts at the site can no longer keep up with the volume and high flows. Both culvert inlets are currently submerged and water from the creek is flowing across the road creating large ruts making travel difficult and unsafe. See attached photo.

The washout is located 1.9 miles from the intersection of Wood's Creek Road and Beaver Creek Road and approximately seven miles south of Alta Campground. Forest officials say they cannot begin repairs to the road until the water levels drop, which could take several weeks. With warm temperatures, rain, and isolated thunderstorms in the weather forecast for the next week, more forest streams and creeks could experience similar flooding. Please be extremely cautious around flowing waters and especially at creek crossing and notify your local Forest Service office of any flooding conditions, plugged culverts, downed trees or road damage.

For more information contact the West Fork Ranger District at (406) 821-3269. Stay in touch with us through [www.facebook.com/DiscoverTheBitterroot](http://www.facebook.com/DiscoverTheBitterroot) and [www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF](http://www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF).

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