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Proposed Bridge Replacement on Skalkaho Highway (MT 38) over Skalkaho Creek

Grantsdale, MT — The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to announce and invite the public to comment on a proposal to replace the existing bridge on the Skalkaho Highway (Mt 38) one mile east of Grantsdale. The proposal includes pavement reconstruction of the highway for about 500 feet beyond both bridge ends and realignment of the North Shoshone Loop intersection.

Proposed work includes milling the existing surface, applying a new overlay, and finishing with a chip seal and upgraded pavement marking. New signage and guardrail will also be installed. The purpose of the project is to provide a long-term safe and economical crossing of Skalkaho Creek that meets modern design standards.

Construction is tentatively planned for 2025 depending on completion of design and availability of funds. New right-of-way and relocation of utilities will be required. MDT staff will contact all affected landowners prior to doing survey work on their land. Staff will again contact landowners prior to construction regarding property acquisition and temporary construction permits.

An important part of properly planning for future projects is partnering with the community. The Montana Department of Transportation welcomes the public to provide ideas and comments on the proposed project. Comments may be submitted online at http://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml or in writing to Montana Department of Transportation, Missoula office at PO Box 7039, Missoula, MT 59807-7039. Please note that comments are for project UPN 9778000.

The public is encouraged to contact Missoula Preconstruction Engineer Jacquelyn Smith at (406) 544-5830 or Project Design Engineer Andy Cullison at (406) 444-9221 for additional information.

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