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Planned Trail Creek Bridges closure on Highway 43 postponed due to fire

WISDOM – The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has postponed the planned closure of Highway 43 to replace the Trail Creek Bridges near the May Creek Campground as a result of the Trail Creek Fire until further notice. The wildfire is currently burning on both the north and south sides of the highway, and is in excess of 23,000 acres in size.

Future bridge work and planned road closures will be determined by the status of the wildfire. MDT will continue prioritizing access to fire crews in the area until it's safe to resume work on the Trail Creek Bridges project.

"The planned road closure has been postponed to allow the Forest Service access to the fire area," said MDT Engineering Project Manager Jeff Harrison. "Public safety is our highest priority. We are coordinating with local fire agencies and will reschedule the bridge closures when it's safe and appropriate to do so."

For the very latest information on the closures, and other road conditions around Montana, visit: https://roadreport.mdt.mt.gov/travinfomobile/

Construction is continuing on the other projects on Highway 43 between Chief Joseph Pass and Divide. For more information on these projects, visit: https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/hwy43/

MDT will continue to update the public as information becomes available. To sign up for construction email updates, text HWY43 to 22828. Questions and comments can be sent to Brandon@rbci.net or by phone at (406) 284-1500.

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