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Highway 43 construction completed for 2021

WISDOM – The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has completed construction for the year on the Highway 43 projects between Chief Joseph Pass and Divide.

"Crews have wrapped up work for the year," said MDT Engineering Project Manager Jeff Harrison. "Despite the forest fires we've had this summer, the contractor was still able to get most of the highway and bridge construction done."

Work completed in 2021 included replacing two bridges over Trail Creek, resurfacing approximately 35 miles of pavement, repairing the bridge deck over the Big Hole River near Wisdom, repairing deteriorated pavement near the Ruby Creek Bridge, and upgrading guardrails, roadside markers (delineators), and signs.

"We really appreciate the public's patience and understanding this year and are happy about the benefits the project work will provide motorists in the Big Hole Valley," said Harrison. "Crews will return when the weather warms up in 2022 to finish a few remaining tasks on Highway 43."

Work to be completed in 2022 includes chip sealing the roadway between Chief Joseph Pass and Wisdom, as well as between the Sportsman's Fishing Access Site and Wise River, and then adding final striping (paint) and pavement markings.

For more information about the work on Highway 43 between Chief Joseph Pass and Divide, visit: https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/hwy43/

The Montana Department of Transportation thanks you for your patience throughout construction.

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