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Good morning,

"Where liberty dwells, that is my country." – Benjamin Franklin

Happy 4th of July! This holiday may we celebrate the freedom of our country and honor the men and women who fight to maintain it. From our family to yours, have a great weekend dedicated to our exceptional country.

The Montana Department of Transportation and Schellinger Construction are progressing on the Stevensville Safety Improvements project. Crews will not be working on Monday in observance of the holiday. Crews are ready to start paving, which should begin the week of July 11-15. In the meantime, you'll still find crewmembers along the project area, so please continue to drive safe. Electrical work is continuing at Bell Crossing, and crews are finishing spreading magnesium chloride (dust-suppressant) treatment on the gravel as well.

Traffic controls will continue to be set up in multiple locations within the project area for the duration of this project. Please abide by the signs placed at the ends of driveways and all intersections and wait for the pilot car to travel in your routed direction. These signs are posted only within the pilot car setups on the project site.

Summer travel is picking up all over the country! Make a Sober Ride Part of Your Fourth of July Plans.

For many Montanans, Memorial Day weekend kicks off the start of summer travel, culminating with Labor Day weekend. Unfortunately, these summer months can also be some of the deadliest on Montana's roads due to increased motor vehicle crashes.

To help ensure everyone enjoys a safe holiday weekend, law enforcement agencies and the Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) will be increasing patrols to watch for and stop impaired drivers on Montana's roadways. Before you make plans to celebrate Fourth of July, plan for safe, sober transportation and insist your friends and family do the same. Remember to always buckle up before you go, as using your seat belt is your best defense against serious injury or death in the event you're in a crash. This is a Vision Zero Message from the Montana Department of Transportation. **Learn more about the goal of Vision Zero and impaired driving prevention here: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/onereason/default.aspx#sober>**

Questions or looking for additional details? Please visit the Stevensville Safety Improvements webpage at: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/southstevi/>. You can also call the project hotline at 406-207-4484, operating Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or email me at amy@bigskypublicrelations.com.

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Warm regards,

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Big Sky Public Relations on behalf of the Montana Department of Transportation

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