



Forest Service News Release

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NEEDLE CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT & ROAD CLOSURE

Hamilton, Montana (May 24th, 2023) – The Bitterroot National Forest is installing a new bottomless arch on the Darby/Sula Ranger District’s Needle Creek. Heavy equipment from the project will be parked on Road #724 at mile post 0.50, making the road impassable. The work is expected to take approximately two weeks.

Signs will be posted in the area alerting drivers to the road work.

The Forest is replacing the culvert at this location along with doing road repairs and other improvements. The current culvert is not sufficient in size and during high runoff may pose potential risks to the road and fish. Besides increasing stream flows, the new culverts incorporate stream simulation to improve the passage of fish and other aquatic organisms.

For more information contact the Darby Ranger District at (406) 821-3913. Stay in touch with us through www.facebook.com/DiscoverBitterrootNF.

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