



Forest Service News Release

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Forest Installing New Culverts – Temporary Closures Planned

Hamilton, MT, June 2 — The Bitterroot National Forest is planning to install three new culverts on the Darby-Sula Ranger District this summer. The work is scheduled to begin next week and will continue into July.

The first project will take place on Sign Creek east of Sula near Moose Creek Trailhead #168 beginning June 5th and will run approximately two weeks. Heavy equipment from the project will be parked on East Fork Road (Forest Road #432) at mile post 18, making the road impassable.

The second culvert replacement is scheduled to begin on June 19th on Lick Creek east of Martin Creek Campground. Heavy equipment will again be staged on East Fork Road #432 at mile post 15.8 making the road impassable.

The final project is scheduled to begin on July 10th on Lick Creek east of Martin Creek Campground. Heavy equipment will be parked on Lick Creek Road #5771 near mile post 0.70 making the road impassable. The project is scheduled to last approximately two weeks.

Signs will be posted in these areas alerting drivers to the construction and road work. All dates are subject to change depending on weather or other factors.

The forest is replacing the culverts at these location along with doing road repairs and other improvements. The current culverts are not sufficient in size and during high runoff may pose potential risks to the road. 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-Sula Ranger District at 406-821-3913 or visit www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot or www.facebook.com/DiscoverBitterrootNF.

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