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### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



#### PROJECT UPDATE

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and its partner Riverside Contracting Inc. are starting work on the Bear Creek Road – North project this week on US Highway 93 (US 93) south of Victor.

- Resurfacing work starts with a seal and cover (chip seal) occurring in two stages. The first pass will chip seal the wheel ruts and a second pass will chip seal the full roadway.
- Construction is anticipated to last through the week of July 17, with striping to follow.
- During roadway construction, traffic control will be in place with single lane closures. Brief traffic delays should be expected.

#### BITTERROOT TRAIL ADVISORIES

The adjacent section of the Bitterroot Trail south of Victor will be closed as the shared-use path receives a crack seal and fog seal.

- Cyclists and pedestrians are encouraged to subscribe to text alerts at the number below for up-to-date trail closure and re-opening notices.
- Please plan ahead and use alternate routes during the Bitterroot Trail closure.



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

MDT and its partner Riverside Contracting Inc. are improving a section of US 93 and an adjacent section of the Bitterroot Trail in Ravalli County. The project begins a half mile north of the intersection with Bear Creek Road and extends approximately two miles north, ending south of Victor. The project will resurface the existing roadway to enhance safety features, provide a smoother driving surface, and reduce long-term maintenance costs. Work includes crack seal, chip seal, fog seal, and new pavement markings.

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**Thank you,**

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## 100 Deadliest Days: A Reminder to Stay Safe and Vigilant in Your Summer Travels

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. **This period is known nationally as the "100 Deadliest Days of Summer," and has historically represented an increase in crashes and crash fatalities on our roadways due to greater traffic volumes and clear travel conditions that lower drivers' guards.**

**Before you make plans to travel this summer, commit to safe, lawful behavior and remain vigilant in sharing Montana's roadways with all system users. Never operate a motor vehicle while impaired. If you're driving a vehicle, buckle up before you go and insist your friends and family do the same.** 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 here:** <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/>

**Please drive safely through the work zone – workers are regularly working alongside the roadway and shoulder. Traffic barriers are placed for the safety of drivers and workers.** As you travel through the active work zone, please slow down, pay attention to the road and other drivers, follow the posted speed limit, and be on the lookout for construction workers. The Highway Patrol is actively patrolling the corridor.

**Thank you very much for your patience as we work to complete the road reconstruction.**

**SLOW FOR THE**  **ZONE.**  
**GIVE WORKERS A BRAKE.**

Stay alert.  
Better roads ahead!



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