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Culvert Replacement Project

Hamilton, Montana (June 5, 2015) – The Bitterroot National Forest is installing a second new culvert this week on the West Fork Ranger District. The work began yesterday along Beaver Creek Road, at the Soldier Creek Crossing, south of Painted Rocks. The project is scheduled to take approximately three weeks.

Heavy equipment is working on Forest Road #91 at mile post 5.1, making the road impassable. Forest officials recommend using Woods Creek Road #5669 as an alternate route around the construction. Signs have been posted in the area alerting drivers to the project and detour.

The forest is replacing the culvert because the old one was not sufficient in size and during high runoff could pose potential risks to the road. Besides increasing stream flows, the new culvert will help improve the passage of fish and other aquatic organisms.

For more information contact the West Fork Ranger District at (406) 821-3269. Stay in touch with us through www.facebook.com/DiscoverTheBitterroot and www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF.

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