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Road Work on Lost Horse Road

Hamilton, Montana (July 8, 2015) – The Bitterroot National Forest will begin road work next week on Lost Horse Road (Forest Road #429) that may lead to temporary delays for motorists and campers. Beginning Monday July 13, crews will be grading the dirt road and laying new gravel. The work is scheduled to last approximately three weeks. Crews will only work on weekdays (Monday-Thursday) – no work will take place on weekends.

Motorists are advised to drive with extra caution as there will be machinery and heavy truck traffic on Lost Horse Road. The work will begin on the bottom section at the Lick Creek Road junction, and crews will work their way to Bear Creek Pass, covering more than 10 miles. Road construction signs will be installed along the corridor and a water truck will be on site for dust abatement. Travelers should expect delays up to one-hour while crews are working -- between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Huckleberry pickers are encouraged to park in turnouts or far enough off-the-road to allow space for gravel trucks to pass. Crews will also close three dispersed camping sites that the trucks and machinery will use for parking and as turn-arounds.

Lost Horse Road gets heavy use during the summer months due in part to the popular Schumaker Campground and Twin Lakes. The road can be extremely rough with many potholes and rocks. High clearance vehicles are recommended. For more information contact the Darby Ranger District at (406) 821-3913.

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