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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Montana Department of Transportation Proposes Pedestrian Bridge Crossing of Bitterroot River Near Corvallis

Corvallis - The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) would like to notify the public and seek comments on a proposal to build a pedestrian bridge over the Bitterroot River to connect the existing trail system between the communities of Woodside and Corvallis in Ravalli County. The proposed trail connection will be on the north side of Montana Route S-373 (Woodside Cutoff Road), approximately 1.5 miles west of Corvallis.

The project begins on the west side of the Bitterroot River where the existing Woodside Cutoff Road pedestrian trail ends and extends eastward across the river to connect to the trail immediately east of the Woodside Bridge Fishing Access Site entrance. Due to the disconnected trail system, users of the trail must presently cross the river by means of the narrow vehicular bridge.

Proposed work includes a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge across the Bitterroot River and asphalt paved trail connections between the new bridge and the existing paved trails on either side of the river. The goal of the project is to provide a safe river crossing for non-motorized traffic that meets current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

The project is tentatively scheduled for construction in 2018, depending upon completion of all project development activities and availability of funding. No new right-of-way will be needed. Utility relocations may be required.

For more information, please contact MDT Missoula District Administrator Ed Toavs at (406) 523-5802 or Project Design Engineer David Holien at (406) 444-6118. For the hearing impaired, the TTY number is (406) 444-7696 or 1-800-335-7592, or call the Montana Relay at 711. Members of the public may submit written comments to the Montana Department of Transportation Missoula office at PO Box 7039, Missoula, MT 59807-7039, or online at:

www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/comment_form.shtml

Please note that your comments are for project UPN 8687000. Alternative accessible formats of this information will be provided upon request.

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Project name: S-373 Ped Bridge - Woodside Project ID: TA 41(72) Control Number: 8687000
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