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2002 FHWA ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

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MADISON-NORRIS
9/16/02 thru 9/23/02:

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Beginning 6 a.m. on September 3 until November 3 the road will be open on week days from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The road will be closed during week days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The road will be opened on weekends from 6 a.m. Saturday to 10 p.m. on Sunday. EXPECT UP TO 30 MINUTE DELAYS WHEN TRAVELLING FROM MADISON TO NORRIS DURING OPEN PERIODS.

The Prime Contractor is **HK Contractors Inc., of Idaho Falls, ID.** The total Contract amount is \$18.6 million.

The Contract Completion Date is Sept. 2003.

The Work Consists of 15.5 K of road re-construction and 2 bridges between the Madison and Norris junction. The project is located in two segments. The first segment is between the Madison Junction and Gibbon Falls. The second segment is located between Tanker Curve and Gibbon Meadows. When traveling the route be aware of construction equipment and trucks traversing between the two segments.

We expect this year to complete the remaining earthwork and drainage. Gravel Surfacing has been placed on approximately 90% of the main road. The hot asphalt concrete test strip was paved on Thursday 9/12/02. Trucks hauling the asphalt concrete are traveling from Bozeman Sand and Gravel (located near Duck Creek and near the intersection of MT Highway 287 and 191) through the West Entrance of the Park and into the project through the Madison Junction. Full production of asphalt paving will begin on Monday, September 16th.

Installation of the Simulated Stone Masonry is now complete at MSE Wall #2 (STA 6+700, south of Gibbon Falls). Simulated Stone Masonry is ongoing at MSE Wall #1 (STA 3+000, just south of Tuff Cliffs). Installation of Log Curb is ongoing throughout the project. The curb and guardrail work is substantially complete at the Beryl Springs Bridge. Removal of the existing pedestrian viewing platform and timber curb and guardrail is complete on both the east and west sides of the bridge. Replacement of timber curb and guardrail is now complete on both the east and west sides of the bridge. Historic Stone Masonry installation is continuing at Gibbon River Bridge No. 1 this week.

HK Contractors has nearly completed excavation and embankment activities on the new alignment section of road (just north of Gibbon Falls to just north of Tankers Curve). Items of work such as slope finishing, topsoil placement, and culvert installation are still ongoing in this area.

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