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## **CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT**

**West Fork Bitterroot River Road (along Painted Rocks Lake) MT PFH 66-1(3)**

### **Accomplishments through August 1, 2003:**

Work has started on gabion wall #6 just South of Slate Creek Bay. Work on all other gabion walls has been completed. The backfill of the Slate Creek culvert is back to original grade where we started, but we still have about two meters of fill left to go through the area. The horizontal drains have all been completed. Finishing of the subgrade has started on the south end of the project. Placing of base aggregate could start in a few weeks.

### **Future activities planned for the project:**

Work will continue on the new Slate Creek culvert fill. Excavation and embankment operation will continue North of Slate Creek. Hauling of material from the Alta pit will continue. Work will continue on wall # 6. Work may also continue on culverts, and underdrains. Blasting may continue next week if needed.

### **Other news of note:**

Pumco, Inc. current work schedule is 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday thru Friday. This means that Pumco, Inc will use a portion if not all of the 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm road closure. Work will continue through October of this year due to the new Slate Creek culvert being installed.

As a reminder the road open/closure schedule is as follows:

7:00 pm to 8:00 am	Open Road
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Road Closure Permitted
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Open Road
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Open Road
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted

**During Open Road periods expect short delays for flaggers and/or pilot car.** Please be watchful of the flaggers and be prepared to stop, and follow the flagger's directions and follow the pilot car for your own safety as well as the safety of the workers.

Please refer your questions, comments, or concerns to Todd Butikofer at (406) 821-9932 Drive Safe!

