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CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT

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

Accomplishments through November 1, 2002:

The cold weather at the end of this week slowed progress on the fills around Slate Creek and from Slate Creek to the State Campground. It also brought a halt to the topsoil stripping in the reservoir and work on Gabion wall #2.

Future activities planned for the project:

As the weather improves, Pumco will resume filling and excavating throughout the project. They have begun and will continue putting cross drains under the road for drainage. Work will continue on Gabion wall #2 where traffic is down to 1 lane with temporary concrete barriers dividing the traffic lane and the excavation. Work will continue on the Slate Creek box culvert extension. This includes weekends but the work will not impede traffic since it's off the travel way. Pumco will also continue side hill excavation where the side hill slopes are not to grade.

Other news of note:

The work shift for the weeks of November 4 through November 8 and November 11 through November 15 will be 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Remember work will continue past November 15. When the date for winter shut down is decided upon, it will be passed on to every one. Thank you for your patience and please drive safely through the project and follow the pilot car during the hours of operation. Please refer your questions, comments, or concerns to Todd Butikofer at (406) 821-9932 or E-mail tbutikof@wfl.fha.dot.gov
Thank You and Be Safe!

