



Flathead National Forest

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Public Comments Encouraged for Forest Road Restoration and Stream Crossing Upgrade Project

The Hungry Horse –Glacier View and Spotted Bear Ranger Districts of the Flathead National Forest are requesting public comment on a proposed ***Road Restoration and Stream Crossing Upgrade Project***. The proposed project would include culvert and bridge replacement and repairs at five sites damaged by high-intensity rain events in 2006.

This project would also improve three existing stream crossings with upgraded culverts, replacement of a bridge, and improvement of aquatic passages.

One of the bridge replacements proposed is the Lost Johnny Creek Bridge on the West-Side Reservoir Road, Forest Road #895. After the flood damage in 2006, a temporary bridge was installed. A permanent concrete bridge is proposed to be installed at the site of the original structure.

The proposed project would include temporary road closures and delays while replacement and repairs are being conducted. At project completion, all roads would retain their current travel status, and access would be restored to the same level as prior to the flood damage. It is anticipated that work may begin late this summer and continue into summer 2009.

Comments should be submitted by July 21, 2008, to District Ranger Jimmy DeHerrera, Hungry Horse Ranger Station, 10 Hungry Horse Drive, PO Box 190340, Hungry Horse, Montana, 59919. For more information, including specific locations of proposed work, please contact Michele Draggo at (406) 387-3800.

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