



## FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Bridge Construction Temporarily Closes Two Swan Valley Roads**

A portion of Forest Road #561, Kraft Creek and the Red Butte Creek Road #9576, southwest of Condon, MT, will close for a month while crews replace two culverts with bridges.

The Kraft Creek Road will be closed about six miles from State Hwy. 83 September 27 through October 29. The Red Butte Creek Road will be closed at the junction with the Kraft Creek Road, about 6 miles from Hwy. 83, September 20 through October 29. Visitors won't be able to access the Hemlock Lakes and North Hemlock Lakes trailheads, reached from the Red Butte Creek Road. Visitors also won't be able to access the Glacier Lakes trailhead off the Kraft Creek Road during the bridge construction.

As a reminder to backcountry visitors, all vehicles must be removed from trailheads before September 20 for Hemlock Lakes and September 29 for Glacier Lakes. Once construction starts the roads won't be suitable for vehicle travel.

The bridge construction is part of the on-going rehabilitation work from the 2003 Crazy Horse Fire. The road culverts are being replaced with bridges to accommodate increased water flow and improved passage for fish. The road closures don't affect access to private property in the area.

For more information call the Swan Lake Ranger District at (406) 837-7500.

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