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Deep Creek Road Closed for Culvert Replacement

The lower section of the Deep Creek Road, number 60101, will be closed to all traffic while a contractor replaces a culvert in Deep Creek, according to Salmon-Cobalt District Ranger Kimberly Nelson. The road provides the main access from Salmon to Panther Creek area, Cobalt and the Bighorn Crags. The closure of about 3.8 miles of the road from Panther Creek to the culvert site will take affect on August 6 and will re-open by October 17 of this year.

An alternative route between Williams Creek Road, number 60021 and Panther Creek Road, number 60055 will be the Napias Creek Road, number 60076. This route is suitable for high clearance vehicles only. Access to the Panther Creek area for other vehicles can be made by using the Salmon River Road from the north or the Morgan Creek Road from the south.

The Forest Service has awarded a contract for the culvert replacement to Cook & Sons Construction Company. The existing 8-foot diameter culvert in Deep Creek will be removed and a 20-foot diameter open bottom structural-plate arch culvert with concrete footings will be installed. The existing culvert has been recognized as a barrier to migrating fish for many years; however planning and funding opportunities have delayed the replacement project until now. The work will include re-grading the streambed through the new culvert to restore fish passage to the upper reaches of Deep Creek.

