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## Public Advised of Potential Traffic Delays

Missoula, MT. – Road improvement work and culvert replacements associated with the Frenchtown Face timber sale project on the Ninemile Ranger District will begin Monday, June 2 and delays can be expected on some Forest Service roads in the area.

The construction activity will be occurring on the following three roads: Forest Service Road #476 (Edith Peak Road), Road # 5490 (Stony Creek Road), and Road #457 (Sixmile Road). The road work, which will include road grading, drainage improvements, and culvert replacement, is expected to continue through July this year.

The Edith Peak Road and the Stony Creek Road are north of the Ninemile Ranger District. The Sixmile Road is east and north of the Ninemile Ranger District.

People traveling on these roads may encounter delays of one to two hours at construction locations, but Road #456 (Butler Creek Road) is an alternate route for people traveling to recreation sites such as Kries Pond, Grand Menard Discovery Trail, and the Civilian Conservation Corps cabin in the area. The Butler Creek Road may be accessed from Road # 412 (main Ninemile Road). Motorists can expect heavy truck traffic if traveling on the affected roads and Ranger District officials are asking them to use caution.

The road improvements and restoration work are being funded through the Frenchtown Face timber sale project. The work will improve road drainage systems in the area, remove undersized culverts, and provide a range of water quality and fish habitat benefits – to include reduced potential sediment flow. The Frenchtown Face project includes commercial timber harvest, forest thinning and prescribed fire to reduce the potential for high intensity fire, and noxious weed treatment.

For current information and updates on road work, alternate routes, and potential delays, please contact the Ninemile Ranger District at (406) 626-5201.

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