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Project Description

Norris Junction is located 21 miles south of Mammoth, WY in Yellowstone National Park. The project limits begin where Phase I completed last construction season, approximately 1.0 mile north of Roaring Mountain. The limits extend 4.8 miles north towards Mammoth and conclude just past the Moose Exhibit turnout. The project scope includes updating the existing surface of the roadway and implementing several large realignments of the roadway in order to reclaim wetland and historical areas along the project limits. There will also be rehabilitation of stone masonry and historical timber structures throughout the project. Additionally, several rehabilitation projects including lookouts and trails will occur in the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone area at Inspiration Point, Brink of Upper Falls, and Uncle Toms Trail.



Road Surface conditions

The current road surface consists of varying conditions and qualities of asphalt pavement with 12 ft. lanes and no existing shoulder. Large potholes, dips, and alligator cracking, as well as expanding wetland areas near the roadway, diminish the quality and safety of the roadway.



Current and Upcoming Work

Operations currently consist of a full road closure within which culvert installation, MSE wall construction, and large realignment work is occurring as well as on going clearing vegetation and topsoil, excavating roadway cuts, finishing slopes, and filling embankment areas in various locations throughout the project limits. Inspiration point is currently closed to ensure public safety for masonry activities including rockery wall installation and concrete pours associated with the overlook and boardwalk construction.



Traffic Delays

There is a full closure of the road from Roaring Mountain in the south to Willow Park parking in the north from September 11th –October 7th. Traffic will be controlled by flagger at the closure gates on both the north and south end.

*The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for this project is available for viewing at the Project Office of the Contractor, located in the Norris Asphalt Pit approx. 1.0 mile east of Norris Junction.



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INSPIRATION POINT CONSTRUCTION

