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Salmon-Challis National Forest Bridge Replacements
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It has been a while since we had a newsletter. Many things have changed and many things are happening daily as crew hurry to get out of each other's way.

Pine Creek The deck is poured and is nearing its cure time. The compression breaks are all in and exceed the design psi. Crew has the approaches nearly to grade and will begin forming sleepers and approach slabs. The bridge could be open for one way traffic within the week. Rails are in place and but still need the end sections to complete. The approaches are sloped staked and the crew is placing embankment to bring the road to grade.

Cove Creek The deck is poured and is also nearing its cure time. The last of the compression breaks will be in toward the end of next week and they too have reached designed compressive strength. Crew will be moving down to the bridge with excavation and embankment work. When this is complete they will form and pour the sleeper-approach slabs. Curbs will be poured next week. The photo taken by TRACY was taken just before the first pour on the deck.

Little Pine Phase 1 is nearly completed and one way traffic could be on the bridge as this is written. Crews will demo the bottomless structure the first of the week and begin excavating and forming the abutment and walls for phase 2. The 2nd phase will probably be open in about 30-40 days. A tight detour will be in place for the next month while concrete pours block one lane of traffic between pine and at the little pine site.

Reconditioning and Gravel will continue from Spring Creek to Cove Creek Bridge. Delays of traffic will continue as this process continues. 16 trucks are hauling from Salmon to the project and it is anticipated that this work would be complete by the end of August. Patrol and roller will be working in the gravel area as well as a water truck that can be encountered at any time.

Delays on the project are not to exceed 30 minutes across the whole project.



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