



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Flathead River - Perma Bridge

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The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and Frontier West are hydro milling the deck (driving surface) of the Flathead River - Perma Bridge. Once hydro milling is complete, new concrete will be placed.

What is hydro milling?

Hydro milling is a technique for removing deteriorated concrete using high-pressure water. This process allows the contractor to remove the top layer of concrete without causing additional damage to the bridge deck.

What to expect during construction

Secondary Highway 382 (S 382):

- Traffic will be reduced to a single lane.
- Traffic will be controlled by traffic-sensing smart signals on S 382 and Montana Highway 200 (MT 200).
- Speed limits will be reduced.
- A 10-foot width restriction is in place 24/7. Visit [511mt.net](https://www.511mt.net) for the most up-to-date information.
- Delays of up to 15 minutes.

Flathead River:

- Precautions are being taken to protect the river and its users during construction. It is unlikely that the river will close as a part of this project.
- The fishing access and boat launch site will remain open throughout construction.

MDT anticipates that bridge rehabilitation work will be substantially completed this fall. Crews are expected to return in 2024 to paint portions of the steel superstructure, which helps to slow corrosion.



Make a Sober Ride Part of Your Labor Day Plans.

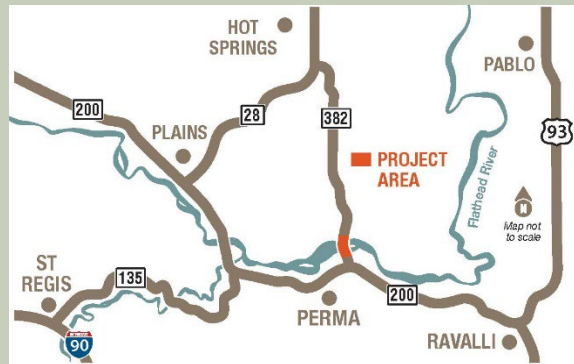
For many Montanans, Memorial Day weekend kicks off the start of summer travel, culminating with Labor Day weekend. Unfortunately, these summer months can also

be some of the deadliest on Montana's roads due to increased motor vehicle crashes. As part of a nationwide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" mobilization running from August 16, 2023, through September 4, 2023, law enforcement agencies and the Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) will be increasing patrols to watch for and stop impaired drivers on Montana's roadways. Before you make plans to travel for Labor Day weekend, plan for safe, sober transportation and insist your friends and family do the same. Remember to always buckle up before you go, as using your seat belt is your best defense against serious injury or death in the event you're in a crash. This is a Vision Zero Message from the Montana Department of Transportation.

Learn more about the goal of Vision Zero and impaired driving prevention here: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/onereason/default.aspx#sober>

ABOUT THE PROJECT

MDT and Frontier West are rehabilitating the bridge that carries S 382 traffic over the Flathead River near Perma. This bridge was originally constructed in the early 1960s and needs repairs. This project will extend the service life of this bridge.



Improvements include:

- Replacing damaged bearings and joints.
- Repairing bridge girders.
- Hydro milling and overlaying the bridge deck with new concrete.
- Painting portions of the steel superstructure to slow corrosion.
- Upgrading bridge railing and roadway approach guardrail.
- Resurfacing the pavement approaches on the bridge.
- Adding advance warning rumble strips and signage for the intersection of S 382 and Montana Highway 200 (MT 200).

Visit the project website at: [Flathead River - Perma Bridge MDT Website](#)

Stay Informed During the Construction

- For construction TEXT updates: text **PERMA** to **866-434-0866 (toll-free)**

- Call the project phone line: 406-545-0800
- Email: **Brandon@rbc.net**

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Allow extra travel time, slow down, and use caution in work zones for the safety of workers and the public.



Current construction information, width restrictions, and road conditions throughout Montana can be found at: www.511mt.net

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