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## Memorandum

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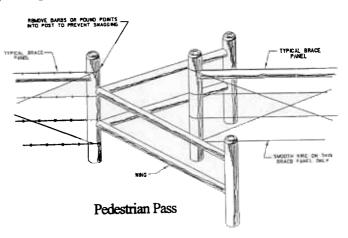
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Subject: Access to Bridges

Access to bridges along the right-of-way is necessary for maintenance and inspection purposes. Inspection and maintenance personnel face many obstacles to access. Consideration should be given to improving this access in our construction projects.

On projects where we are installing fence up to the bridge ends within the right-of-way, a Pedestrian Pass as shown should often be included. A Pedestrian Pass drawing is available on DMS.

Some issues to consider when including the Pedestrian Pass are the type of crossing and the type of facility. Typical use should be on bridges crossing streams, railroads, coulees, and other areas where



there is not public road access under the bridge. In these cases, the Pedestrian Pass is the first choice for access. Second choice is a gate. The access point should be chosen where it would provide continuous access along the right-of-way. Direct access to adjacent land should only be provided when agreed to through the normal right-of-way process.

Please add the Pedestrian Pass to all appropriate projects.

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