Stillwater River Bridge on Johnson Bridge Road Available for Adoption

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) plans to replace the Stillwater River Bridge at Reference Post 0.40 on Johnson Bridge Road, approximately two miles northwest of Absarokee. The existing structure was built in 1907. The MDT plans to replace the bridge in 2021. The single-span steel thru truss bridge is 109 feet in length and 16.5 feet wide. It is estimated to weigh approximately 35 tons with the timber deck and 24 tons without the deck. The bridge is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Anyone interested in adopting the old bridge would be required to obtain the necessary permits, provide MDT with plans on how the bridge would be moved, and state the intended use of the structure. The MDT’s adoption guidelines can be viewed at: https://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/bridge_adoption.shtml. For further information, please contact Stephanie Brandenberger at the MDT at (406) 444-6260.