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Headwaters Rest Area to open Summer 2023

THREE FORKS, Mont. – Construction of the Headwaters Rest Area near the Interstate 90 (I 90)/US Highway 287 (US 287) interchange is nearing completion, as the new facility has now been connected to the new community wastewater treatment system. The new Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) rest area is being constructed by the Montana Rest Area JV Partners (a C.A. Rickert and Associates Inc./Diamond Construction Joint Venture) team. MDT will announce the opening date of the new facility as soon as possible, pending the completion of some final facility details.

The Headwaters Rest Area will replace the dated and undersized rest area located at the 19th Avenue interchange in Bozeman.

The project team has made safety a top priority with the design of the new facility, which includes open sight lines for patrolling, license plate-reading and security cameras, and LED lighting throughout the interior and exterior of the rest area facility and parking lot. A feature that is not typically included in rest areas, but that will serve nearby communities, is the addition of a Law Enforcement Office that will be available for use by the Broadwater County Sheriff, Montana Highway Patrol, and MDT Motor Carrier Services. Coordination with those agencies is ongoing; all are planning to use the space when opened.





More information about the project can be found at the project website: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/headwatersrestarea>. Comments, questions or concerns can be directed to headwatersra@dowl.com or by calling 406-551-1473.

Slow Down, Montana! Safe, Cautious Driving Saves Lives

Speeding and other reckless driving behaviors create unsafe conditions for you and others traveling Montana’s roads. Even if you are abiding by posted speed limits, you can still be traveling too fast for safety – particularly in inclement weather, low/no light conditions, or around emergency response or work zone sites. One simple and effective way to protect *all* roadway users is to lower your speed when driving a motor vehicle. In the event of a crash, the higher the speed of the vehicle(s) involved, the more deadly the collision – especially when a vulnerable roadway user is involved (pedestrian, bicyclist, motorcyclist, etc.). While driving a motor vehicle, remember to always follow posted speed limits, adjusting your speed as needed for current conditions, and keep your focus on the road ahead and the task of driving to help ensure we all reach our destinations safely. To learn more about safe driving behaviors and how you can help Montana reach the goal of Vision Zero, visit <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/people/>.

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