The Montana Department of Transportation is improving the Quartz Flats Rest Areas on Interstate 90 between Superior and Alberton. The rest area serves travelers year-round and is the gateway to the U.S. Forest Service Quartz Flat campground.

Originally built in 1967 and rehabilitated in 1989, the Quartz Flats rest area is showing signs of wear and tear. The improvements will provide new facilities and reduce maintenance costs, increasing the lifespan of the rest area.

The planned improvements include:
- Reconstructing rest area buildings
- Increasing wastewater system capacity
- Improving water treatment systems
- Reconstructing parking lot to increase capacity

### Anticipated Project Schedule

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To learn more about the project visit: www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/quartzflats

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The next closest public rest areas are the Alberton Parking Area (14 miles/10 min. east) and the Dena Mora Rest Area (53 miles/40 min. west).
Montana’s Rest Areas

MDT Rest Areas Program

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) maintains the rest areas found along interstate highways and coordinates with cities to provide several other opportunities for motorists to stop and rest. Montana’s Rest Area Program consists of 35 MDT rest areas, 10 MDT parking areas, and 14 non-MDT stops (usually maintained by cities) with restroom facilities. These rest areas provide important amenities for highway users that help reduce fatigue and increase safety, including:

- Restroom facilities
- Parking areas
- Pet areas
- Picnic tables, water fountains, etc.

MDT Rest Area Plan

First adopted in 1985, and updated in 1999 and 2014, the Rest Area Plan is MDT’s comprehensive statewide vision for the Rest Area Program. An asset management approach is used to evaluate rest areas, prioritizes funding, and maintain, rehabilitate and construct new rest areas. MDT coordinates with local jurisdictions to ensure adequate distribution of rest areas throughout Montana.

MDT involves the public in the rest area planning process, inviting key stakeholders and the public to learn about projects, review design plans and provide input. To learn more about Montana’s Rest Areas, or to download the 2014 Rest Area Plan, visit [https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/restareaplan/](https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/restareaplan/)

MDT Rest Area Program History

1934
MDT’s first rest area was built in Helena in 1934

1950
MDT began planning the development of formal roadside safety rest areas

1956
Interstate Highway Act addresses rest areas

1958
American Association of state Highway Officials (AASHO) publishes guidelines for rest areas

1960
MDT adopts a Rest Area Plan and begins to use AASHO guidelines

1985 & 1999
MDT updates Rest Area Plan

2009
Rest Area Program begins receiving dedicated funding

2014
MDT updates Rest Area Plan