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## **MDT Announces Replacement of Kalsta Bridge at Glen on Old Hwy 91**

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### ***Located 22 miles north of Dillon, Kalsta Bridge replacement project is in design phase***

**DILLON, MONTANA (December 1, 2020)** — The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has announced and invites the public to comment on a proposal to replace the Kalsta Bridge at Glen, which crosses over the Big Hole River on Old Highway 91 near Interstate 15, approximately 22 miles north of Dillon.

The existing Kalsta Bridge was originally built in 1928 and is nearing the end of its service life. A 2018 inspection showed it has suffered deterioration to its steel-truss structure and concrete roadbed and can no longer carry its designed traffic loads. Since 2019, the bridge has been restricted to one lane, with a 3-ton load and 15 mph speed limit to prevent further damage. MDT has determined the span must be replaced with a new two-lane bridge to ensure public safety and improve highway traffic flow.

The project is currently in the design phase and construction is tentatively planned for 2023. During the project's development stage, the bridge will continue to be open to traffic with the current restrictions in place. Recreational use on the river below will not be affected. MDT staff will contact all affected landowners prior to survey work on their land.

An important part of properly planning for future projects is partnering with the community. MDT welcomes the public to provide ideas and comments. Project information and updates will be posted at <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/kalstabridge/> and also via text at **KALSTABRIDGE to 22999**. To provide comments, call or text the dedicated project phone line (406) 998-7258 or email Pam Avery at [pam@averymassey.com](mailto:pam@averymassey.com).

Project Name: Kalsta Bridge at Glen, 22 Miles North of Dillon, MT

**For more information about the project visit:** <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/kalstabridge/>

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**Kalsta Bridge at Glen Project locator map**

