

MAIN BOULDER RIVER ROAD

Open House

Thursday, August 21, 2014 • 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm • Clydehurst Ranch

Introduction:

The Main Boulder River Road provides access to residences and popular destinations within the Gallatin National Forest. It has a wide diversity of mostly recreational uses and some commercial use. The project was part of the 2011-2012 Main Boulder Road Reconstruction and Corridor Study.

Needs:

The Main Boulder River Road proceeds up a box canyon with only one way to travel in and one way to travel out. Local and federal officials are extremely concerned that when a fire emergency occurs, the poor condition and width of the road will not allow evacuation in a timely manner. The road also has several deficient bridges and culverts and lacks adequate width for vehicles to pass safely along much of its length. Throughout most of the road, there is insufficient surfacing for maintenance operations. Large boulders are present in the subgrade that present maintenance challenges if there is inadequate surfacing. Consequently, the road is rough, requires slower travel and presents a clear hazard for evacuation of people.

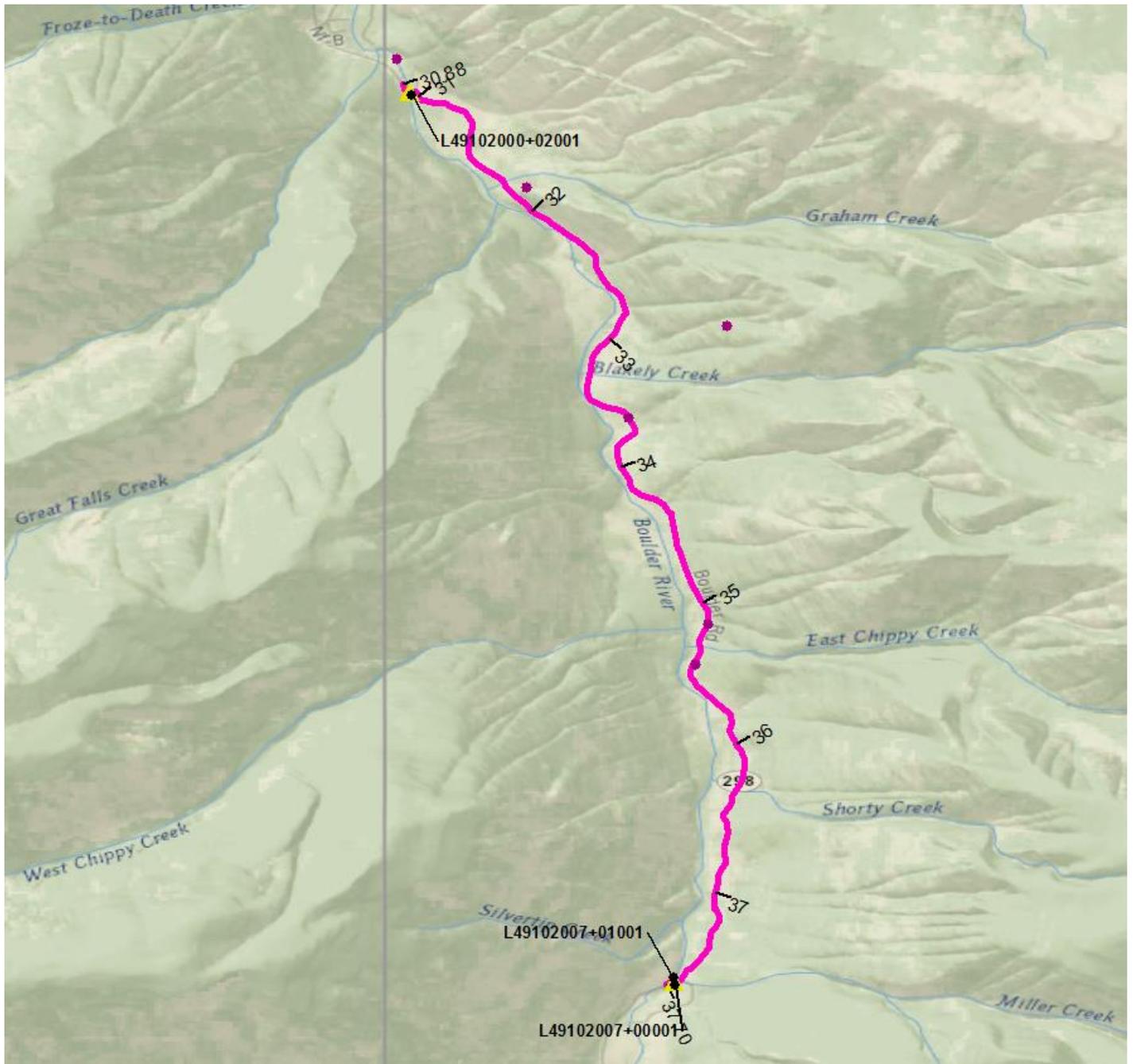
Purpose:

- Lower the probability/severity of crashes.
- Provide a safe egress route out of a closed canyon.
- Decrease maintenance costs.
- Improve emergency and evacuation response time.

Scope:

- Main Boulder River Road from MP 30.88 (approx. Two Mile Bridge) to MP 37.70 (approx. Miller Creek Bridge).
- Construct a two-lane aggregate surfaced road with a 16-20 foot top width. Recondition base and pulverize the top 8" of existing surface and/or remove boulders prior to aggregate base placement.
- Improve drainage by adding culverts at needed locations, upsize culverts that are currently undersized and add or improve ditches. Several streams may support fish; structures selected will need to fully pass target species at all life stages.
- Realign the reverse curves located near the Two Mile Bridge to reduce potential crash occurrences.
- Replace the Two Mile Creek Bridge with a new two-lane structure
- Replace the Miller Creek Bridge with a new two-lane structure
- Surface the existing road with aggregate surfacing designed for future loading and frequency.
- Install retaining walls as needed.
- Incorporate dust abatement into the surfacing aggregate when placed.
- Construct entrance kiosk at Main Boulder Ranger Station.
- Install interpretive signs at approximately 12 sites selected by U.S. Forest Service.





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