



Above: Terry Sinnema, of Belgrade, left, a subcontractor working for Anderson Precast, stops to talk with Caleb Minnick, a civil engineer with CTA Architects and Engineers, while working on forms for a retaining wall on the Main Street/View Vista Drive over Fleshman Creek, Friday. Below: Craig Kamps, of Livingston, who is a land surveyor with CTA, stakes out the area for new storm drains on View Vista Drive over Fleshman Creek, Friday.

Enterprise photos by Shawn Raecke

Fleshman Creek crossing to reopen soon



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Main Street between Geysler Street and River Drive will be closed for about two more weeks, according to a contractor working on the Fleshman Creek Restoration Project.

Kevin Feldman, of CTA Architects and Engineers, said a new culvert was installed under the street before Christmas. On Thursday, crews completed a water line relocation. Friday and next week, they'll be working on storm drains and the sewage system.

The road crossing the creek is expected to reopen in about two weeks, Feldman said.

Park County began construction on the Fleshman Creek Restoration project in September. The \$3 million project

includes replacing the culverts at Main, H, C, E, F and Geysler streets. Funding for the project came largely from grants, including FEMA flood mitigation money. In addition to flood mitigation, the project aims to improve stream quality and trout habitat.

Fleshman Creek, which runs through or under much of Livingston, is fed by snowpack in the Bangtail Mountains, said Scott Optiz, fisheries biologist for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. A city water diversion also feeds into the lagoon, he said. The project isn't changing the water sources or diversions along the creek, but the channel will be deepened and narrowed, he said.

Project update meetings are held every Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Pickle Barrel on Main Street.

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