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**Williams River Road Construction Continues, Portions Remain Closed**  
(Marlinton) – “Contractors are making progress with the Williams River Road Reconstruction, but delays caused by weather have extended the project timeframe.”, announces Marlinton District Ranger Rondi Fischer, “Unfortunately, this means access on portions of the road are still restricted.”

The construction project is divided into 3 sections: 1) State Route 17 downriver to the Highland Scenic Highway; 2) Highland Scenic Highway downriver to Tea Creek Campground; and 3) Tea Creek Campground downriver to project end 4 miles down.

Culvert replacement is now finished on all sections. Sections 2 and 3 are now open to public traffic and should remain open until construction activities resume next spring. Paving is actively occurring along Section 1 as weather allows, so this section is closed 24 hours/day, 7 days/week until further notice.



The Forest Service expected project completion by this fall, but construction delays due to the wet and cold weather mean the project will have to be put on hold this winter and completed next spring. “If you plan to visit the Williams River area, I encourage you to contact our office for the latest status on closures,” said Fischer.

For updated information, contact the Forest Service Marlinton office at 304-799-4334.

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