COUNTY ROAD 44H RECONSTRUCTION

Project Open House

Over the last two years Larimer County and design consultant, AVI Engineering, have been working with the US Forest Service, FEMA and other federal and state agencies in the preparation of plans for the reconstruction of County Road 44H (Upper Buckhorn Road) from the end of the asphalt near CR 27 through the creek crossing just west of Ballard Road (USFS Road 129) – 10.2 miles. The present road, rebuilt shortly after the September 2013 flood, is highly subject to damage from minor stream flow and does not meet minimum mountain county road standards.

The goal of the project is to construct a more flood resilient road that is above the 25-year storm flow of Buckhorn Creek. This generally requires raising the existing road and moving it slightly into the mountainside away from the creek – this provides for a more natural stream channel as well. A few short but significant realignments moving the road away from the creek are proposed. The 12 crossings of Buckhorn Creek will consist of 3-sided box culverts from 22 to 30 feet in width. The road will be gravel surfaced, 24 feet wide.

Funding for the project is a mix of FEMA, HUD, State and County dollars.

Construction is not yet scheduled as federal and state reviews have not been completed. With timely approvals it is anticipated construction can begin next summer.

Larimer County Engineering will be holding a neighborhood open house to provide information and answer questions.

The open house is Wednesday, November 16th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Stove Prairie Elementary School, 3891 Stove Prairie Road. There will be no formal presentation so you’re welcome to stop by anytime between 4:30 and 6:30.

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