



# Mosquito Lake Rd / Middle Fork Bridge No. 140 Rehabilitation Construction Bid Award Announcement

June 10, 2009

The project was awarded to Tiger Construction Ltd, of Everson Washington in the amount of \$2,232,062.20. Construction is scheduled to start June 22, 2009 and continue for approximately 8-10 months. Working hours will be between 7 AM and 5 PM.

**Background:** Originally built in 1915 and located over the Nooksack River on the Guide Meridian, in 1952 it was moved to its present location to replace a bridge that had washed out in six years earlier. The bridge has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1982 and because of this distinction, the longest pin-connected highway bridge in the state will be rehabilitated with 100% federal funding.

**Location:** Mosquito Lake Road over the Middle Fork of the Nooksack River, approximately 5.5 miles south of Mt Baker Highway (SR 542).

**Bridge Details:** The north and south timber approach spans will be replaced with concrete girders. Existing asphalt and wood decking will be removed and replaced with a lighter steel deck. New guardrails will be added. Many structural steel members will be replaced and the bridge will be repainted. Scour protection will be installed in the river.

**Bridge Closure:** **Scheduled from June 22<sup>nd</sup> for approximately 8-10 months-the bridge will be completely closed to all traffic including emergency vehicles. A detour route will be in effect.**

Information on the web is available at <http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/publicworks/index.jsp> under Features, select Mosquito Lake Rd / Middle Fork Bridge 140 Rehabilitation.

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