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County will replace Marten Creek bridge

Snohomish County approved funding Wednesday for the replacement of the Marten Creek Bridge #562, located about 21 miles east of Granite Falls.

The 1949-built, concrete and timber bridge on the Mountain Loop Highway was identified in 2002 for replacement due to deteriorating timber supports. The bridge crosses Marten Creek, which flows into the South Fork of the Stillaguamish River.

Advanced Construction will begin replacement of the bridge in April and is expected to finish the project by November 2011. The project, funded through federal and state monies, will cost about \$1.8 million.

The new bridge will be supported by steel piles and will span 130 feet – almost twice as long as the original structure. It will be 38 feet wide, accommodating two lanes and shoulders. The steel piles will be placed outside of the stream bed to avoid scouring.

Single-lane closures are expected during construction. Emergency access will be maintained.

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