

Work Camp Options

FHWA estimates that up to 80 people would be employed during the 6-year reconstruction period. The construction season would be seasonal between May and October. Because of the highway's remote location, FHWA is considering four options for temporarily housing employees during the construction season:

Develop New Campground/Close Other Campgrounds

In this option, the Shoshone National Forest would develop a new campground along the highway. Possible locations include Lily Lake and Pilot Creek. After the highway is constructed, the campground would remain a developed Forest Service campground. Other campgrounds, such as the Lake Creek and Fox Creek campgrounds, would be closed to offset any increased developed recreation sites along the highway.

Develop New Campground/Close Undeveloped Recreation Camping Sites

In this option, the Shoshone National Forest would develop a new campground along the highway. Possible locations include Lily Lake and Pilot Creek. After the highway is constructed, the campground would remain a developed Forest Service campground. Undeveloped camping sites, such as near Long Lake, would be closed to offset any increased developed recreation sites along the highway.

Use Existing Campground/Develop Temporary Work Camp

In this option, the Shoshone National Forest would allow construction employees to camp at one or more existing campgrounds, such as Beartooth Lake. Employees could use one part of the campground and recreational visitors could use another part. Any campground used by construction employees would be upgraded to existing standards. This option could be used in combination with a temporary work camp.

No Worker Housing

FHWA would not develop temporary housing for construction employees under this option. Employees would be prohibited from staying anywhere on National Forest lands along the highway. Employees would either commute from nearby towns, such as Cody, Red Lodge, or Cooke City, or stay at private campgrounds.

