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## **Construction smooths out road to world heritage site**

Tourists, area motorists will enjoy safer driving upon completion of Highway 785

Fort Macleod... The drive to Head-Smashed-in Buffalo Jump, a world heritage site, will be smoother next year thanks to the paving of Highway 785.

The road to this popular tourist attraction west of Fort Macleod is a well-used route for tourists as well as area ranchers and residents. This 16-kilometre section of road currently has a temporary asphalt surface sealed over top of gravel, but the seal is prone to rutting and the forming of potholes, which can weaken the structure of the road, leading to increased maintenance costs in the future.

Government is investing \$2 million to pave the highway from Highway 2 west to Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump. Work is expected to be completed by fall 2006.

"Alberta leads the way when it comes to transportation," said Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation. "Paving this section of the highway will add that many more kilometres of upgraded roadway to Alberta's highway network, improving driving for those who regularly use our roads and for those out-of-province tourists who visit our many world class attractions."

"Completing the paving of this highway will be a welcome event for residents who live near Fort Macleod," says Dave Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and MLA for Livingstone-Macleod. "Not only will the completion of this project add 20 years to the life of the road, but, more importantly, it will ensure the road is more efficient and safer for all who use it."

As part of the project, the access and parking lot at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump will be paved during construction. Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation and Alberta Community Development will partner to fund this portion of the project.

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