



COPPER RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT

Copper River Watershed Project

Cop 3/Sher 3 Fish Passage Improvements

Weekly Construction Progress & Coordination Meeting Notes

10:00 AM, June 11, 2026

Project Links:

[CRWP Cop 3/Sher3 Construction Dashboard 2026](#)

Includes:

- **Map** tab with completed daily Construction Inspection Logs including photos
- **Partner Resource List** tab with links to implementation materials including permits and construction meeting notes.

Cop3/Sher3 Weekly Construction Meeting Zoom Link

Time: Thursdays at 10:00 AM Alaska time

Zoom link:

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Agenda

1. Meeting Attendees and Cell Phone Numbers

Wilson Construction, Inc.: John Baenen (907) 429-3742

The Eyak Corporation: Tiffany Beedle (541) 620-1710

USFWS: Kirsten Valentine (907) 217-8454

ADFG: Megan Marie (907) 227-9964

USFS: Josh Latham (541) 999-4283

DOWL: Heidi Holland (907) 632-2962

CRWP:

- Amy Scudder (907) 982-3740
- Kate Morse (907) 253-4735
- Kirsti Jurica (907) 253-7338
- Darcy Saiget (541) 806-3099

2. Project status update:

a) Construction completed during previous week

- Josh and John: Just got done placing third section of Sher 3 pipe and are filling with waterway bedfill. Will prep for pouring concrete.
- Kim: elevation of the invert (bottom of the Sher 3 temp pipe)?: same as previous pipes (close to 52).

b) Work planned for upcoming week

- Update from John and Josh:
 - June 12: pour concrete in earthen dams, stream tie-in sections, start at inlet.
 - Alignment of upstream section shifted slightly. Tie in is 51.2 which will lower the pond ~2' (too low). Kirsti will be on-site on Saturday and will raise tie-in elevation. Inlet will be 51.2 and outlet 51.0. Same gradient from outlet of pond through pipe.
 - Outlet channel downstream: 10" cut and 18-24" width through channel. Water elevation at ds tie-in is 51.8 – 51.9, so is higher than culvert.
 - Leave plugs until ready to rewater (pull ds side, then us side), will be pond surge, but then should clean up. Ready to tie-in by end of Saturday, will rewater then or early on Monday. Density testing on Monday, tying in slopes and veg mat on Monday.



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- Tuesday Aqua Dam and dewatering, diverting water through Sheridan temp pipe.
- Alignment shift on Cop 3 culvert will be possible with 2 existing pipes gone.
- Dewater, fish trapping, pump out by end of next week.
- Monday, June 22 ready to excavate.
- Josh: uses Solocator app for photos with brief description. Preference is that there is consistency with photo documentation. He won't be on-site, but will be available for questions. Can maintain contact and can fill in daily construction logs and be main contact for John remotely if needed.
- Project coverage while Josh is gone (June 12 -22):
 - [Cop 3/Sher 3 CRWP Construction Inspection Log](#)
 - June 12, 13, 15, 16: CRWP
 - June 17-19: Heidi
 - June 20, 22: CRWP
- Valentine: understands benefit of minimizing number of hand-offs, will communicate with Darcy, Kirsti, and Heidi while on-site, but will not be John's primary point of contact
- Josh back on June 23.
- Kirsti: tablet: will load Survey123 app and Solocator app for photos (\$5.99 for pro version)
- Megan: will be on-site, will be visiting other sites too with DOT

3. Overall construction schedule

- On-site project staff schedule that we anticipate for the next few weeks.
 - Josh: on-site June 8-11; gone June 12, returning June 23 until July 2 (available remotely if needed when away)
 - Valentine: on-site June 15-18 (working at other Cordova sites as well)
 - Megan: on-site June 16-18 (working at other Cordova sites as well)
 - Heidi: on-site June 17-19
 - CRWP: available as needed anytime, can cover June 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22
 - Brennan and Rockele in town this week and will visit the site with Tiffany on June 11
 - DOWL surveyor will be in Cordova June 15 (arriving on Monday) to check control points and is available for other points if there is a need at the site. Heidi will provide contact info.
 - Front Range Community College students will be touring site during the week of June 15.
 - Schedule for the July 4 weekend determined as the construction schedule progresses
- Jaycee from Alaska Testlab (compaction testing contractor) in Cordova until Friday, June 12, returning Monday, June 15 for testing on June 16. John has connex box at quarry so can lock up the nuke gauge and Jaycee can park his vehicle there.



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4. Construction directives to-date

None.

5. Updates:

Last Week:

- Compaction testing on-schedule
- Sher 3 temp pipe and low water levels: fish habitat connectivity maintained during low water period
- Turbidity issue with discharge pump and mitigations: John will reroute for Cop 3 and will continue to use settling pond, working well (isolated pocket that is working well).

Past:

None.

6. RFI and Submittal update

- Wilson to provide new plan for Aqua Dam and routing of Cop 3 water through temporary Sheridan pipe for permit update (please submit via Newforma)
- Pay request submitted 6.11.26 (please submit via Newforma)

7. Other Topics?

New:

- Sher 3 pond water elevation and channel design
- Sher 3 outlet channel design and strategy for implementation
- Cop 3 culvert alignment
- Cop 3 new dewatering plan and removal of existing culverts

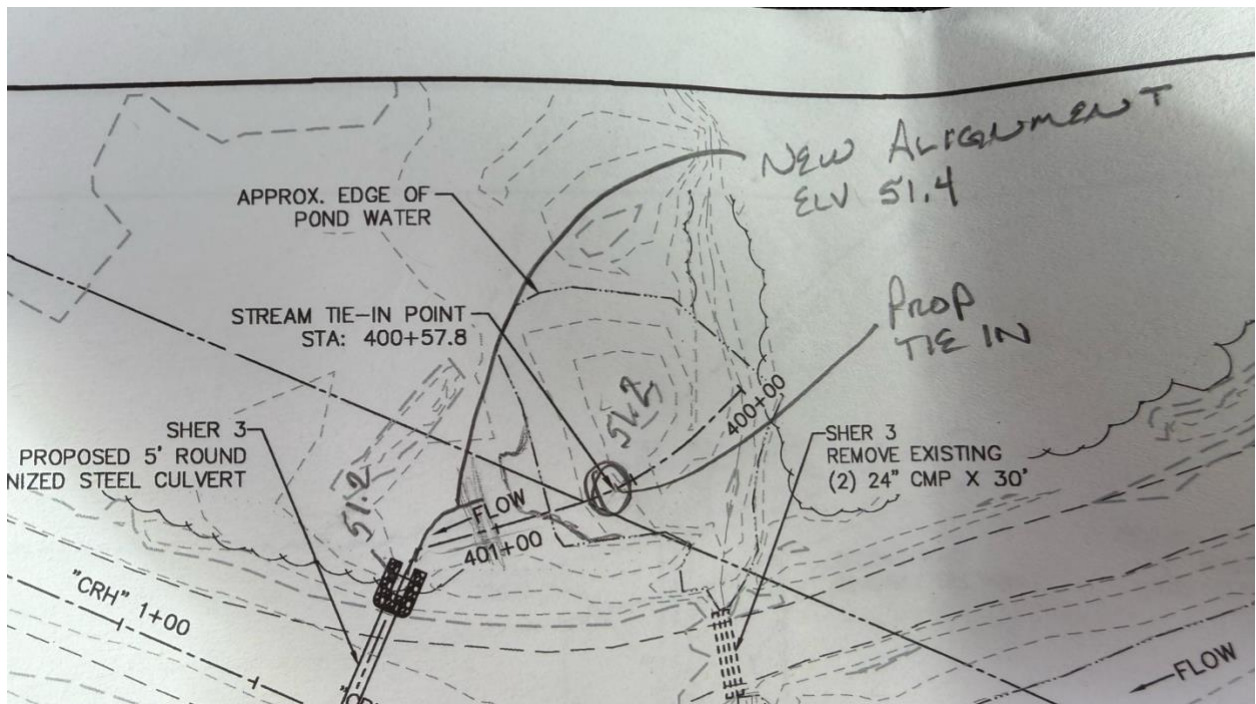
Discussion:

- Josh: wants to make sure that everyone is in agreement with Sher 3 upstream section new design/plan.
- Valentine: can this be red-lined on plans? Josh provided sketch (see below). Current alignment along edge of pond, proposed centerline will be 3' shift to West. Bottom of pond very soft, no reason to excavate. Use waterway bedfill material for elevation control. Deepest part of pond is 50, so no scour or headcut potential. Align stream with natural stream remnant channel at bottom of pond. Make sure Heidi is in concurrence. Elevation of tie-in with pond: 51.4. Current pond elevation is 52, so will give us 7" below pond elevation. Deep area of pond on west side will still have water hopefully.
- Megan: wants to make sure has copy of sketch for modification of diversion and pipe location.
- Josh: sketch: when divert Cop 3 flow through, will be good representation of how a high flow would be
- Valentine: waterway bedfill material in section of stream from pond to new Sher 3 pipe.



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- Josh: P. C10 detail 3: constructed bank downstream, will be similar (excavation only). Waterway bedfill will need to be extended from culvert to pond tie-in. Slightly steeper slope is proposed for this (.2" elevation proposed through this reach). Even at 51.4, still lower than downstream elevation. So will be backwatered. Goal is to avoid disconnection at low flows.
- Valentine: When diverting flows back into channel, will there be recirculation of water so that fines will be incorporated? Josh: Yes, instream waterway built in sections, and fines incorporated throughout process (washed in). Only 2.5' clearance in pipe, so are working in sections when placing streambed material.



Past:

None.

8. Safety Briefings

- Reminder to road users about 15 mph speed limit in construction zone and reduced speed over temporary pipe on Sheridan Road. Josh: 15mph speed signs posted and has ordered larger signs (more visible). Intersection has been tightened which has mitigated speed issues.
- CRWP has extra high vis vests and bear spray if anyone needs them while visiting.