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OLDCASTLE MATERIALS COMPLETES YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK PROJECT

ATLANTA---HK Contractors, Inc. was founded in 1975 and joined the Oldcastle family of companies in 2007. Based in Idaho Falls, Idaho, it is a major road construction contractor for several national parks including Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Teton National Parks in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

The company just completed a \$30 million dollar Federal Highway Administration project in Yellowstone National Park. The scope of the project included milling and removal of a road and bridge constructed in the 1920s; installation of a new road and bridge to divert traffic away from the pristine Gibbon River; extensive vegetation restoration in sensitive environmental areas; positioning of boulders and landscape logs in picnic areas, and placement of bio-degradable wattles for erosion control.

Yellowstone National Park officials require work to be performed using state-of-the-art equipment and technology, yet the result must match pre-existing work both aesthetically and historically. The masonry aspect of the project was a top priority and involved the bridge, curbing, headwall and retaining walls.

The job was put to bid in February 2009 and was awarded to HK Contractors three months later. The start day was May 21, 2009, and the work finished on Oct. 22, 2010. The work schedule anticipated the 25,000 vehicles per week that travel through the construction zone in the high tourist summer season.

“Working in the national parks is an honor and a challenge at the same time,” said Clarence Davis, environmental manager, HK Contractors. “The natural beauty and the opportunities to see wildlife in the national parks make for a very special and unique experience. Of course, when a grizzly bear is just several feet away, it’s snowing in June and/or crews are paving on steep grades, those are the challenges.”

Based in Atlanta, Ga., Oldcastle Materials is the leading vertically integrated supplier of aggregates, asphalt, ready mixed concrete and paving services in the United States with operations at 1,400 locations nationwide. More information about the company can be found at www.oldcastlematerials.com.

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