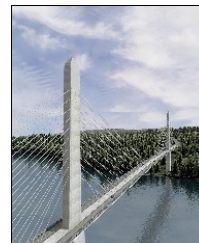
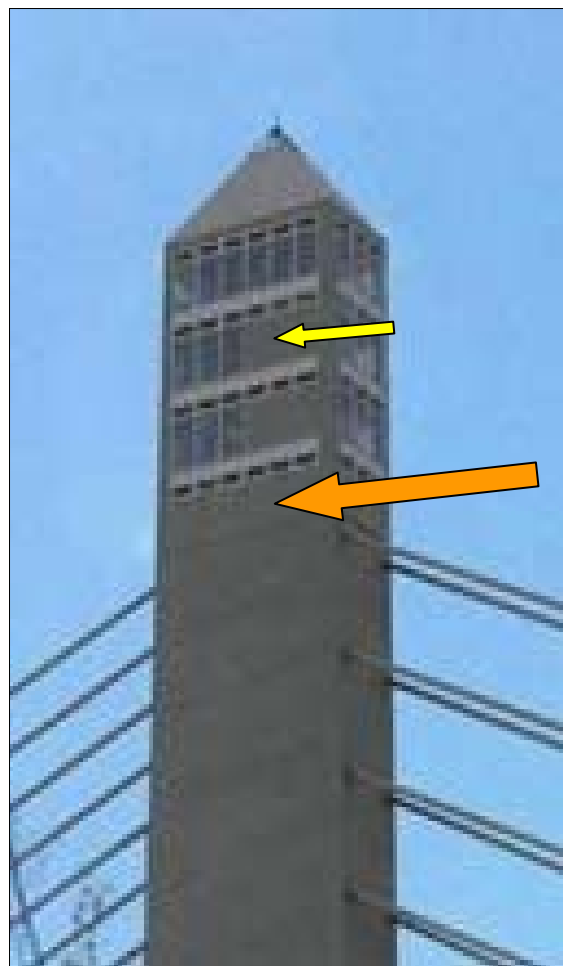


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Spring has arrived on the Penobscot River! The bottom left hand photo shows Prospect's upper pylon crew erecting the formwork for the observatory's mechanical room walls (398' feet), while the orange arrow within the rendering of the observatory reveals the actual mechanical room location. The smaller yellow arrow indicates the vertical lift location, taking those who need assistance up to the top floor of the observation deck. Cianbro/Reed&Reed LLC will then construct the four structural columns at each corner before installing the windows and louvers around the face of the pylon.

Cianbro/Reed&Reed LLC has also placed all of the #28 segments this week, as well as installed cable stay #11 A&B on the Prospect pylon. The construction of abutment #1 continues, along with preparations for the first lift of the elevator hoistway (the actual wall that surrounds the elevator shaft).

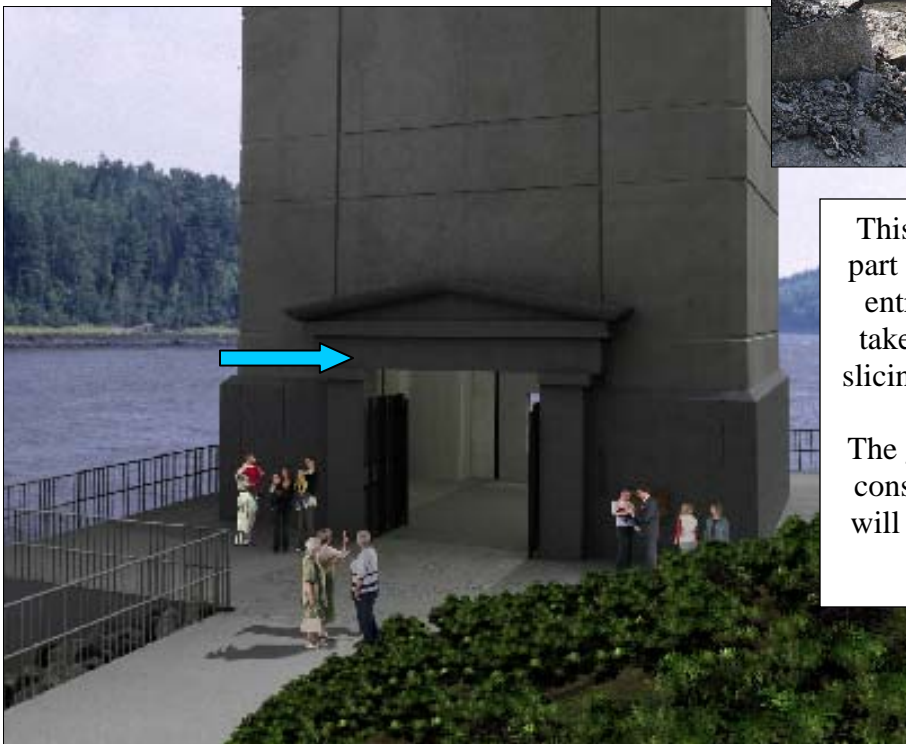




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Left: Cianbro/Reed&Reed's Construction Engineer, Charlie Guerette, climbs the massive granite ledge at the Mosquito Mountain granite quarry in Prospect to inspect the pieces extracted for the outer facing of the observatory's entrance, otherwise known as the portico.



This block of granite above will be an intricate part of the decorative lintel which sits above the entranceway (blue arrows). A piece this large takes about four, nine hour days of continuous slicing with a diamond studded wire to remove it completely from the mountain. The granite from this mountain was also used to construct portions of historic Fort Knox, which will share its new entrance with the observation tower.