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Whitney Portal Road Reconstruction Extended Delays to Start *Significant Impacts to Access, Parking*

The Whitney Portal Road Reconstruction is underway through a funding request from Inyo County. The road is being re-paved and needs significant repairs for safety. The project begins just west of Lone Pine and ends just east of Whitney Portal.

Starting on July 11, the construction schedule will be Monday – Friday 6:30 am to 6:30 pm. Visitors and residents should plan for extended delays from 8:00 am - 11:00 am & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the upper section of road (starting just before the first switch back at the winter closure gate).

Expect 30 minute delays outside of the extended delay times and areas, but within construction schedule.

Road side parking will be unavailable throughout the project until further notice. Please follow all posted instructions for parking in the Portal area.

These extended delays in the upper section of road are necessary during pulverizing and paving operations.

Whitney Portal is the most popular trailhead on the forest; with hikers applying, by lottery, to ascend the tallest mountain in the contiguous United States. Mt Whitney is also the southern terminus of the John Muir Trail (JMT).

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