

Anticipated Major Construction Activities for the week of:

**July 28, 2014**

**Bozeman Creek Road #979 (same as Bozeman Creek Trail #454) - Storm Damage Repairs** – Planned work to the road includes renovations to the bridge at Milepost 5.7, fill-slope failure repair at milepost 5.7, fill-slope failure repair at milepost 10.8, and road relocation around the slide at milepost 10.8. Mystic Lake is at milepost 11.1. Road is closed to public motorized uses but open to non-motorized uses.

**For the current week:** Bridge work at milepost 5.7 is mostly complete and open to the public. Work will begin this week on the slide at milepost 5.8 is expected to take one week to complete. Following completion of work at milepost 5.8, the contractor will be working up the road at the remaining sites. Work is expected to be completed by the end of August and will be active Monday through Friday only.

**Traffic Issues and Delays:** Non-motorized traffic will be allowed through the construction site. Users that pass through the construction site are advised to be careful and attentive to construction equipment and excavations. It is highly likely that cyclists will have to carry their bikes through or around the site. Barricades will be installed on the road to alert users of the site, even on weekends and holidays. Night use is not advised. Expect some slow-moving construction equipment on any part of the road at any time. Downhill cyclists should remain especially vigilant for construction equipment and keep their speeds down. Construction equipment has the right-of-way, so users that encounter a truck, for instance, should pull over and stop to let the vehicle go by.

**STORM CASTLE ROAD #132 - Storm Damage Repairs** – Planned repairs to the road include fixing a fill failure at milepost 7.2, replacing the culvert across French Creek at milepost 7.6, rebuilding the intersection with the Line Creek road at milepost 7.7, and replacing the culvert at milepost 8.8.

**For the current week:** Slide repair work at milepost 7.2 has now been completed except for some minor cleanup and closeout. This week the work on the French Creek Culvert replacement is expected to begin.

**Traffic Issues and Delays:** The gate at milepost 7.1 on the Storm Castle Road will be closed for work to begin on the French Creek Culvert replacement at milepost 7.2. Access to upper Storm Castle Road by motorized vehicles and to Line Creek Road will be via the Swan Creek Road until the French Creek Bridge is completed around August 10. Non-motorized traffic will be allowed through the construction site. Users that pass through the construction site are advised be careful and attentive to the construction equipment.

**HYALITE CANYON ROAD #62 - Bridge Replacements** – Planned work includes replacement of the bridges at milepost 11.6 (near Chisolm Campground) and milepost 12.7 (near Palisades Trailhead and Picnic Area). Work at the sites also includes road realignments on both ends of the bridges, road intersection realignments, and improvements to the adjacent parking areas.

**For the current week:** Excavation on the new bridge and road relocation near Chisolm Campground is in full swing and will continue into August. Expect fairly heavy truck traffic at times as the contractor moves excavated materials around the project site.

**Traffic Issues and Delays:** Expect short traffic delays as trucks are moving soil along the project. Delays should be infrequent and no longer than 5 to 15 minutes. Expect construction traffic on the road at any time. The contractor is making every effort to minimize delays and the public should respect the posted speed limits and give the construction equipment the right-of-way when passing.

**HYALITE DAY USE AREA - Pavilion Site & Trail Reconstruction** – Planned work includes site work improvements around the Pavilion, reorganizing the trails to the Picnic Area, and making improvements to the trails in the vicinity.

**For the current week:** Work is expected to begin this week around the Pavilion with preparations to install the replacement trail bridge. Work is expected to be active in the area through August.

**Traffic Issues and Delays:** Part of the Hyalite Day Use parking lot will be barricaded for exclusive use by the contractor. Please respect their need for space, it keeps them operating efficiently safely. For Public Safety, the Pavilion Area will be closed to the public during this week. Please look for alternate recreational activities in the drainage. The construction site will be open to the public to pass through on the weekends. Since it is an active construction site, the user should be careful and respectful when passing through the site. All Blackmore Lake and Peak hikers are highly encouraged to use the Blackmore Trailhead ½ mile north along the road.

**SIXMILE CREEK ROAD #348 – Storm and Fire Damage Repairs** – Planned work to the road includes replacement of the bridge at milepost 1.0 and storm damage repairs between milepost 2.0 (Gold Prize Gulch Road) and the private land at milepost 3.5.

**For the current week:** None, work is expected to begin on the slide areas between milepost 2.0 and 3.5 by mid-August. The road will continue be closed to public traffic at the junction of the Gold Prize Gulch until the work is completed, expected to be the first part of September. The work on the bridge replacement at milepost 1.0 is expected to begin the first part of September and take two weeks to complete.

**Traffic Issues and Delays:** The road is currently closed to public traffic at the Gold Prize gate at milepost 2.0 for Public Safety since the road is narrow and eroded. Private landowners are allowed to pass through the gate to access their lands. Replacement of the bridge at milepost 1.0 will result in a two-week full-traffic closure of the road starting at the Dailey Lake County Road.

**ASH MOUNTAIN ROAD #6976 – Storm Damage Repairs** – Planned work includes repair of a fill-slope failure at milepost 2.9 and misc. side-road decommissioning above the slide.

**For the current week:** None, work is expected to begin on the slide area by mid to late August and is expected to take two weeks to complete.

**Traffic Issues and Delays:** The road is currently closed to public traffic at milepost 2.8 for Public Safety and will be reopened for normal use once the work is completed.

**OTO RANCH ROAD #348** – In 2013, work on the road included changing the access to the Cedar Creek Trailhead and OTO Ranch from the Cedar Creek Road (Hwy 89 mile marker 10.0) to a new access at mile marker 9.6. The work included construction of 1 mile of road from the entrance at mile marker 9.6 to the Cedar Creek Trailhead. Planned work for 2014 includes surfacing the new road from the Highway to the Cedar Creek Trailhead and closing the connection to the Cedar Creek road.

**For the current week:** None, work is expected to begin on the surfacing and road connection by mid-September.

**Traffic Issues and Delays:** Once the work is completed, the public will be directed to the new access point with fresh road signing. Access to the Cedar Creek Trailhead via the Cedar Creek road will be closed.

**\*\*\* WORK AREAS COMPETED AND OPEN TO NORMAL TRAFFIC USES \*\*\***

**MILL CREEK and DUTCH ROADS – Storm Damage Repairs (South of Livingston, MT)**

**EAST BOULDER CAMPGROUND – Storm Damage Repairs (South of Big Timber, MT)**

**MAIN BRIDGER ROAD – Storm Damage Repairs (Southeast of Big Timber, MT)**

**WEST BRIDGER ROAD – Storm Damage Repairs (Southeast of Big Timber, MT)**

**DERBY GULCH ROAD – Storm Damage Repairs (Southeast of Big Timber, MT)**