

Anticipated Major Construction Activities for the week of:

September 1, 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: The work on the Project is done and back open for full use by the public.

Traffic Issues and Delays: None.

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: The slide repair work is now complete. Work is progressing at the culvert replacement site at milepost 7.6 and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the week.

Traffic Issues and Delays: The gate at milepost 7.1 on the Storm Castle Road will be closed for work on the French Creek Bridge work. Logging is occurring beyond the bridge, so the Upper Storm Castle road is closed for the hazard timber removal project for the near future.

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: The bridges are now mostly installed, including with railings. This week the project will start installing culverts, completing the remaining earthwork/embankment on the road. This will involve substantial truck hauling in the area – appropriate hauling signs are being installed. The connection with the existing road will begin to transition traffic onto the new road in a couple of weeks, so expect to see equipment working near the existing road. **PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNING.** By the week of September 8, the Contractor is planning to place aggregate on the main road at the bridge site near Chisolm Campground. The week of September 8, the Contractor will also be placing base surfacing on the parking areas at Moser Creek, Lick Creek, the Gauging Station Bridge, and Blackmore. The trailheads are scheduled to be paved September 11th. The parking areas will be blocked to public traffic during the surfacing and paving activities, open when inactive. Please find an alternate parking area.

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. The parking areas will be blocked to public traffic during the surfacing and paving activities, open when inactive. Please find an alternate parking area.

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 has been delayed somewhat due to the rain saturated soils. Work will resume around the Pavilion area by mid-week. They are prepping trails for paving.

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: The Contractor has moved into the bridge replacement site and will be pulling the existing bridge on the 2nd. No work is occurring at the upper flood damaged sites. This should begin as soon as the bridge has been completed.

Traffic Issues and Delays: The road is currently closed to public traffic Dailey Lake Road and is planned to be closed for the next two weeks. After the bridge work is completed, the gate at Dailey will be opened and the gate at Gold Prize will be closed for an additional 2-3 weeks while the Storm damage repairs are being made.

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: The Contractor has moved into the project and plans to complete the work in the next two weeks.

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)