



## Flathead National Forest

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### **Jewel Basin and Coal Creek Roads Temporarily Closed**

The Jewel Basin Road, Forest Road #5392, on the Swan Lake District, will be closed weekdays for resurfacing beginning Wednesday, September 21. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in two weeks, enabling the road to reopen to public use on October 6.

During the project, the public will be able to travel on the Jewel Basin Road on Saturdays and Sundays. Effective 6:00 am each Monday, no vehicular access will be available, including to those wishing to drive out on the Jewel Basin Road. Visitors should coordinate their trips so as to ensure they will not be caught behind the closed road.

This work will complete the resurfacing project, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, begun last September. Officials had expected to complete the project this spring; however, this year's late snow melt-off prevented the work from occurring prior to Memorial Day and work was therefore postponed to this fall.

For additional information about the Jewel Basin Road, please contact the Swan Lake Ranger District at 837-7500 or visit [www.fs.usda.gov/flathead](http://www.fs.usda.gov/flathead).

Additionally, Coal Creek Road, Forest Road #317, located on the Glacier View Ranger District, will be closed to public use starting October 3 and is anticipated to remain closed for one month. The closure is at approximately mile marker 3.5. Cyclone Creek, Forest Road #909, off Hay Creek Road can be used as an alternate route around construction. During the project, it will not be possible to drive the loop from Big Creek, Forest Road #316, to Hay Creek, Forest Road #376.

This project will construct a curtain wall to drain and stabilize the area, which has experienced slumping in recent years.

For more information, please contact the Hungry Horse – Glacier View Ranger District at 387-3800.

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