

Taylor River Road Construction Project Update: The final phase of the Taylor River Road Construction project will be completed during the summer of 2013. The project is expected to start June 1, 2013 and be completed by late September or early October. Due to the type of work that needs to be done in this section there will be some road closures throughout the summer. There are two closure areas, but only one will be closed at a time. There will be a closure from just past the Post Office to Dunbar Tracts, and a second closure from the east end of Dunbar Tracts to Jack's Cabin. The Gunnison City Parks will be closed during construction.

We want our residents to be able to enjoy the beauty of the Taylor Canyon and the reservoir area, so a detour is being provided that will allow access to all of the recreation areas and businesses from Harmels to the reservoir. The detour will be across Jack's Cabin Cut-Off which is 5.5 miles north of Almont on Highway #135. The detour will add 10+ minutes to your actual travel time, but will keep our visitors and residents from being held in traffic stops, or driving through rough construction areas. When there is a closure on either section of the lower road there will be no delays for those using the Jack's Cabin Cut-Off. If the Taylor Road does not have absolute closures, there may be flagging zones at various locations through the project.

We encourage you to use the detour, and the Public Works Department is committed to keeping it in the best shape possible for your convenience. The contractor will be required to provide 14 days advance notice of the road closures so we will keep that information up to date on this site.

The 5-Mile Rafting area will be closed to private rafters, but access will continue as usual for permitted companies. Fishing in the closed areas will not be permitted, but the remainder of the river will allow business as usual for fishing and rafting.

If you have questions, or need additional information please call the Gunnison County Public Works Department at 970-641-0044.