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Construction moves quickly on Teton Pass temporary detour



Crews with Evans construction have been working around the clock to construct the temporary detour after the Big Fill Slide on Teton Pass in June. This photo is from progress on June 15.

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Wyoming State Highway 22, Teton Pass, was closed for much of June as crews worked on an interim detour after the Big Fill landslide at milepost 12.8, which occurred June 8. The Wyoming Department of Transportation and contractors have also been working on drainage improvements for the mudslide at milepost 15, which occurred around the same time.

On June 11, the Transportation Commission met for a special meeting to award a \$430,000 emergency project to Evans Construction, based out of Jackson, for their work on the detour at mile marker 12.8. After extensive studying, drilling and other analyses, WYDOT engineers and geologists are confident in a safe temporary detour around the slide area.

With funding approved, WYDOT crews and contractor Evans Construction have been working around the clock to repair and reopen the highway, which is the busiest two-lane highway in the state.

Simultaneously, work has also taken place at the mudslide at mile marker 15. Immediately after the slide, engineers and geologists surveyed the area and investigated the cause, determining it was more than likely due to the heavy water saturation and spring runoff. Water continued to come off the mountain, but maintenance crews were able to channel the runoff off into controlled drainage ditch and into a culvert. The area was continually monitored.

On June 13, the Transportation Commission held a special meeting and approved an \$880,600 emergency bid to Avail Valley LLC for work to construct a box culvert where the mudslide hit at mile marker 15. The culvert will help with drainage in the area. That work was intended to take place simultaneously with the work at mile marker 12.8 so the road can reopen once the detour is complete.

WYDOT would like to thank its partners through this emergency response, including:

- The US Forest Service, who provided quick permitting and support as repairs took place in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest;
- · Governor Mark Gordon, for a quick emergency declaration to allow WYDOT to access emergency Federal funding for this effort;
- Idaho Transportation Department, who assisted with mudslide cleanup and traffic control as the pass is closed;
- The Wyoming Office of Homeland Security; and

• Local and regional governments, including Teton County Idaho, Teton County Wyoming, the town of Jackson, the town of Victor, and more.

Updates will be available as construction continues, check out our media kit: https://www.dot.state.wy.us/home/news info/ media-kits.html



On June 7, a mudslide was reported on Teton Pass (WYO 22) near mile marker 15. Idaho Transportation Department was a big help in clearing this mudslide, and crews with Avail Valley have begun work on a culvert to address the slide before the road reopens.



Moving heaven and earth

The detour will feature a paved roadway with two 12-foot lanes, one in each direction. The detour will also have concrete barriers protecting motorists from any hazards. The detour has been constructed on the interior of the curve, away from the unstable slide area. In addition, crews are using quality material to build a solid foundation for the road.

Crews have taken material off the old embankment and used it as some of the detour fill, which will relieve the driving forces that are pushing on the slide. However, the detour will create a slightly sharper curve and steeper grade. WYDOT plans to reduce the speed through the area to accommodate the grade and increased curvature. There will be advanced signage warning drivers of the reduced speed and any other applicable restrictions. As of press time, crews have wrapped up dirt work and began

preparing the area for paving operations. Officials hope to have the detour paved and open to traffic by the end of June.

Legend

P

terstate highway work zones: Generally, there are no delays or detours. Travel may be narrowed to one lane (on pavement) each way and involve a reduced speed limit.

Two-lane road projects: Motorists may be required to stop and wait to follow pilot cars. Usually, any delays are limited to 20 minutes or less and travel is on pavement.

Two-lane road projects: At times, motorists may have to drive on gravel or another temporary surface, typically for two miles or less. Delays are limited, there are no detours unless specifically noted but there may be a pilot car.

D District-wide projects: Various locations, may involve reduced speeds.

Not every project is listed Due to the unpredictable nature of the construction process, no all projects are active all the time. In addition, some short-term projects and smaller projects which disrupt traffic to a lesser degree are not listed. Completion dates are approximate.

ercial vehicle operators: In work zones, size and weight restrictions may apply. Ask for details at any Wyoming port of entry or call (307) 777-4376. Current restrictions are also available on the Internet at

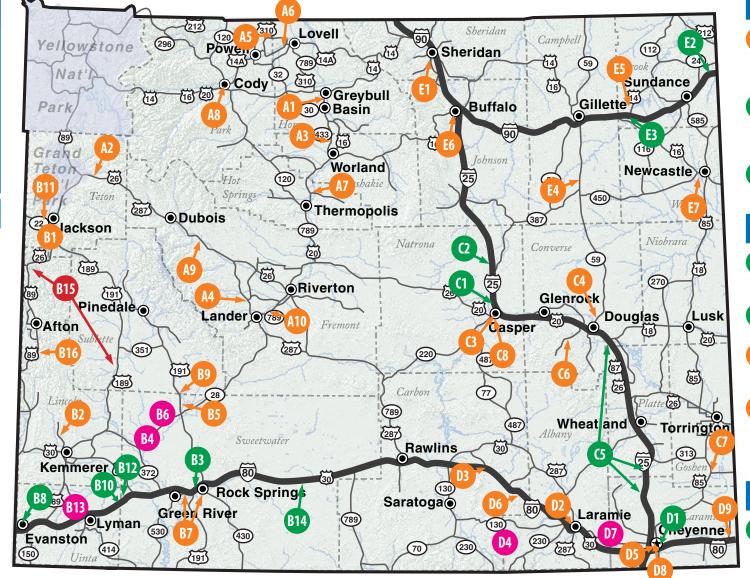
Northwest Wyoming - A

- A1 US 16/20/WYO 789: Basin-Grevbull drainage improvements/milling/paving project. Stormwater drainage improvements, pavement milling, asphalt pavement overlay, chip seal on 5.80 miles starting at milepost 197.70 between Greybull and Basin. Delays expected
- A2 US 26/287: Moran Junction-Dubois, Buffalo Fork Section. Asphalt milling, overlay, chip seal, bridge rehab over Buffalo Fork of the Snake River. MM 2.2-7.53. Portable traffic signal. Delays expected.
- A3 WYO 433: Worland-Manderson. Bridge replacements, reconstruction of roadway north of Worland. Demolition/reconstruction of three bridges. grading, asphalt pavement surfacing, fencing, chip sealing. MM 4.14-5.50. Delays expected.
- A4 US 287: Lander-Diversion Dam pavement overlay and pathway construction. Pipe extensions, pathway work, asphalt milling, paving, guardrail replacement, chip sealing. 8.1 miles. Joint project with Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes. Delays expected.
- A5 US 310/WYO 789: Deaver-Montana State Line, Frannie Section. Pavement milling, overlay and chip seal. MM 249.49- 257.03. Delays expected.

Southwest Wyoming - B

- B1 Swinaina Bridae: Structure replacement, grading, traffic control, bituminous surfacing and miscellaneous work on County Road 22-10 beginning at the bridge over Snake River.
- B2 WYO 233/Frontier Section: from MM 0-1.5, grading, paving, chip seal, structure work and minor sidewalk repairs.
- B3 Rock Springs/I-80 Interchange Rd.: Replace/reconstruct interchange: 0.81 miles.
- B4 Contract patch in various locations: Lincoln, Uinta, Sweetwater Counties, Bituminous surfacing, milling, traffic control and other work.
- B5 Farson-Pinedale (County Line South): Bituminous surfacing (recycle), traffic control, milling, chip seal on 6.90 miles of US 191 from MM 44.74 between Farson and Pinedale.
- **B6** Epoxy striping in various locations: Sweetwater, Sublette, Teton Counties. Striping, traffic control and other work.

- (A6) US 14A: Garland-Byron. Sidon Canal Section. Pavement milling, overlay and chip sealing. MM 33.76-38. Delays expected.
- A7 US 20/WYO 789: Thermopolis-Worland slope flattening project. Grading, drainage, asphalt pavement surfacing and other work. MM 14178-145.51. Delays expected.
- A8 US 14A: Cody traffic signal installation project. intersection of Blackburn Street and US 14A (Big Horn Avenue) within the Cody city limits. Project begins at milepost 1.13 on US 14A. Driving lane closures expected with minor traffic delays.
- A9 US 26/287: Dubois-Diversion Dam (Bull Lake Section), 4.50 miles beginning at milepost 92.40 between Dubois and Diversion Dam, Asphalt milling, asphalt pavement shoulder widening, asphalt pavement overlay and chip seal. Delays are expected.
- WYO 789: Lander-Hudson, State School Section, MM 80.97-82.40. Asphalt paving, sidewalk, curb/ gutter, milling, wearing course.



- B7 District 3 Bridge Rehab: Rehabilitation work on structure over Green River on WYO 374 at MM 87.17 in Jamestown and on structure at intersection of WYO 376 and WYO 430 in Rock Springs.
- B8 District 3 Bridge Rehab: UPRR Overpass structure at RM 5.31 on I-80/US 189 Bus. in the city of Evanston.
- B9 Farson-Pinedale (County Line North): Bituminous surfacing (recycle), traffic control, milling, chip seal on 10.00 miles of US 191 at MM 51.62 between Farson and Pinedale
- B10 Evanston-Green River (I-80 County Line East): Milling, Bituminous surfacing, bridge work, pipe lining and misc. work on 8.43 miles of both EBL and WBL starting at RM 57.01.
- B11 Jackson-Wilson Rd. (Snake River Bridge): Bridge replacement, grading, traffic control, surfacing, bituminous and concrete surfacing, fencing on 1.80 miles on WYO 22, WYO 390 between Jackson and Wilson Rd.

- B12 Evanston-GRRV (County Line East) project: RM 57-65.44 milling and paving in both EBL & WBL as well as pipe replacement and culvert lining. Portions under traffic and then with traffic switched head to head while we work on other direction.
- (B13) District 3 High Mast lighting upgrade: Replacing existing 120 ft, high mast lighting with 80 ft, high masts from Evanston all the way to Wamsutter.
- (B14) Rock Springs-Rawlins (Point of Rocks East): RM 130-138 construction of slip ramps and minor shoulder paving in preparation for 2025 EBL & WBL milling and 4-inch paving and minor bridge work.
- B15 District 3 Chip Seal: Chip Seal on US 89 from MM 108.13 to MM 117.38 in Lincoln County and US 189 from MM 87.50 to MM 102.50 in Sublette County. The project will use flagging and pilot car operations.
- R1(**US 89:** Bridge rehab at MM 77.82.



Northeast Wyoming - E

US 87: Downtown Sheridan Main Street. Resurfacing and utility upgrade. Closed from Works Street to Coffeen Avenue/Burkitt Street intersection. Main Street will open July 8.



[1] I-90 at Moorcroft: Bridge repair work from MM 152.96 and 147.59.

Central Wyoming - C

- **C1** *I-25:* Five bridge replacements. Surfacing and other work between MM 189-190. Affects both NB and SB lanes.
- (2) I-25: Surfacing and bridge rehabilitation between MM 219-227 in the Midwest area.
- (3 WYO 220: Casper Streets – Drainage, surfacing, traffic control and other work on .30 miles of Poplar Street beginning at milepost 115.80.
- WYO 59: Mill and overlay; structure rehabilitation and other work on 7.70 miles beginning at milepost 19.30 north of Douglas in the Lightning Creek area.

Southeast Wyoming - D

- D1 US 30/East Lincolnway: MM 365.74-368.36, project includes new box culvert for Chevenne Greenway Underpass, other work will include milling and paving, shoulder work, signal installation at Whitney, a median island installed from Pershing to Whitney, and extending the 5 lane section.
- Curtis St. in Laramie: From 3rd St. to McCue St., work will include minor bridge repairs to the UPRR Bridge and the Laramie River Bridge, as well as a mill and overlay.
- D3 1-80: MM 258.9-267.19 (EB only) and Wagonhound Rest Area, work includes mill & overlay, Rest Area resurfacing.
- D4 District 1 Bridge rehab: First bridge is at MM 302.91 in the EB lanes on I-80. Then move to the WB structure at MM 300.44. Other locations: I-80 EB structure at 245.94 and WYO 76 at MM 221.68, the UPRR overpass by the East Sinclair interchange. Work includes four structure rehabilitations.

E4 WYO 59: Mill and overlay from MM 77.00 to 83.73.

5 US 14/Moorcroft North: Mill and overlay with bridge work and ADA upgrade from MM 154.63 to 160.52.

E6 US 16/87: Buffalo Main Street and I-25 / I-90 Business Loop, Mill and overlav MM 298.02 to 301.34.

US16 Bvpass: Railroad bridge rehab -MM 248.70.

- **1-25:** District 2 Bridge Rehabilitation Various locations and travel directions on I-25 including at mileposts 33, 45, 46 (SBL) and at Orin Junction
- 6 WYO 91: Overlay and chip seal and other surfacing work on Cold Springs Road beginning at milepost 13.20 south of Douglas.

US 85/Hawk Springs south: Asphalt overlay and other surface work on 6.10 miles of US 85 beginning at milepost 66.30 north.



WYO 220/WYO 258: Intersection rehabilitation: mill, pavement inlay, curb and gutter, sidewalk and ADA upgrades.

- D5 College Drive (I-25 to US 85): The project will take place on WYO 212/College Dr. between the I-25 interchange and US 85/S. Greeley Highway (MM 0.14-2.71). Work includes new asphalt surfacing, ADA upgrades, concrete repairs to some approaches near the I-25 interchange. Detours provided to maintain access to businesses and side roads. There will be a 16-foot width restriction in place.
- D6

WYO 72, Elk Mountain: WYO 72 from I-80 to the town of Elk Mountain. MM 12.37-15.98. Mill. overlay, structure and drainage work.

D7 District-wide chip seal project: Various locations.



US85/Central Ave. and Yellowstone intersection: Slab replacements. Work will be paused over Chevenne Frontier Davs.

D9 US 30: in Pine Bluffs from Parson Street to NE state line (401-403). Work includes replacing a box culvert, mill and overlay, and new railroad crossing at Butler Ave.

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