

2016-2017 Federal Lands Transportation Program Construction Forecast

St. Mary Entrance Fee Collection and A I S Stations Replacement Project: The segment of roadway between the two entrances/exits into the VC parking areas will be closed for construction from September 19, 2016 (7 a.m.) to May 26, 2017 (7 a.m.)

Traffic will be detoured through the VC parking areas. Fee collections will be administered in the VC during the construction period and when the GTSR is open to travel.

Beginning October 17, 2016, the segment between the 1.5 mile gate and the Hudson Bay/1913 Ranger Station Road along the GTSR will be closed to vehicular traffic. Visitors will therefore still be able to access the 1913 Ranger Station. Hike-bike travel will also be able to access the east side of the GTSR by using the newly reconstructed pathway between Divide Creek and the VC. From there, they can access the GTSR from the west spur in and out of the VC parking area.

The Kiosks and AIS Station are to be completed by May 22, 2017 yet the area will remain closed to traffic until 7 a.m. May 26 allowing staff to move into the new facility.

(See Map: St. Mary Visitor Center Kiosks and Entrance Station Replacement Project 2016-2017)

GTSR Alpine Wall repairs: This project will reconstruct masonry walls that were swept away by avalanches in 2014 and '15. This work will focus on masonry work with extensions of removable rail occurring next fall. Traffic control will be utilized allowing work and visitor traffic to flow. A firm date has not been determined but work is expected to begin in mid to late August.

Avalanche Creek Footbridge Construction: On September 6, the south portion of the Trail of the Cedars, between the GTSR and the trailhead to Avalanche Lake will be closed in order to begin work on the bridge abutments and pier. The contractor will also be utilizing the small parking area on the trail side of the Campground access road (near the old Ranger Station). Flaggers will be on-site to accommodate campground traffic.

At 7 a.m. September 20, the roadway into the campground will be closed to all traffic except for administrative and construction personnel.

Due to a segment of the boardwalk being removed in order to access construction operations, this portion of the Trail will no be open during off-hours due to visitor safety concerns.

East and West Tunnel Repairs: Starting September 6, 2016 at 7:00 a.m., one lane traffic may occur to accommodate repairs. Work needing two lanes will occur during fall 2017, including replacing stone veneer on the western traffic portal.