

# WESTERN FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION NORRIS TO GOLDEN GATE, PHASE II NEWSLETTER 10/31/16

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## Project Description

Norris Junction is located 21 miles south of Mammoth, WY in Yellowstone National Park. The project limits begin where Phase I completed last construction season, approximately 1.0 mile north of Roaring Mountain. The limits extend 4.8 miles north towards Mammoth and conclude just past the Moose Exhibit turnout.

The project scope includes updating the existing surface of the roadway and implementing several large realignments of the roadway in order to reclaim wetland and historical areas along the project limits. There will also be rehabilitation of stone masonry and historical timber structures throughout the project. Additionally, several rehabilitation projects including lookouts and trails will occur in the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone area at Inspiration Point, Brink of Upper Falls, and Uncle Toms Trail.



## Road Surface conditions

The current road surface consists of varying conditions and qualities of asphalt pavement with 12 ft. lanes and no existing shoulder. Large potholes, dips, and alligator cracking, as well as expanding wetland areas near the roadway, diminish the quality and safety of the roadway. In several areas, asphalt has been removed for construction activities and the current driving surface is composed of exposed subgrade, or asphalt millings. Please be advised of rough road conditions when traveling through the project.



## Current and Upcoming Work

Operations currently consist of winter shutdown preparation throughout the project limits. This work includes: correcting drainage, finishing disturbed slopes, and improving road safety for winter travel. Inspiration point is currently closed to ensure public safety. Last week a concrete pour occurred for the lower overlook footings. Construction activities have since concluded in this area for winter shut down.



## Traffic Delays

Please expect 30 minute traffic delays from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Mon-Fri throughout the project limits. Traffic will be controlled by flagger on both the north and south ends of construction activities and a pilot car. The park will close to public traffic November 7<sup>th</sup>, and winter shutdown for construction will occur November 11<sup>th</sup>. Operations will resume April 16<sup>th</sup> weather permitting.

**\*The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for this project is available for viewing at the Project Office of the Contractor, located in the Norris Asphalt Pit approx. 1.0 mile east of Norris Junction.**



# MAINLINE CONSTRUCTION



FINISHING SLOPE/CUTTING DITCH  
-STA 309+00 RT

2016/10/24  
17:09



CONSTRUCTING 24' WIDE ROADWAY  
FOR WINTER TRAVEL  
FROM STA 460+00 - 478+00

2016/10/26  
15:54

# INSPIRATION POINT CONSTRUCTION



LOWER OVERLOOK FOOTING FORM WORK  
-INSPIRATION POINT

10.18.2016 12:09



LOWER OVERLOOK FOOTING POUR  
-INSPIRATION POINT

10.21.2016 11:10



LOWER OVERLOOK FOOTING POUR  
-INSPIRATION POINT

10.21.2016 11:27