Wyoming Department of Transportation crews reopened several of the state’s alpine roads and are continuing work to reopen the last closed road for the summer season.

Crews reopened US 14A (between Lovell and Burgess Junction) on May 23 and WYO 130 (Snowy Range) on May 25. Both US 14A and WYO 130 typically reopen at the end of May.

As of press time, crews were still working on WYO 70 (Battle Pass), which typically reopens in early June. The alpine roads close annually in late autumn when relatively low traffic and deep snow accumulations render plowing operations impractical. Crews were able to reopen US 14A before the Memorial Day weekend. Although US 14A reopened, crews had to continue to bring plows to the area to remove additional snow that had fallen.

“We will likely have to run a plow truck up the mountain even after we get it opened, at least through the weekend,” said Jason Fleming, of Lovell, of the work before Memorial Day weekend.

On the Burgess Junction side of the passes, crews will likely have to continue snow removal operations as well. However, any additional snowfall is unlikely to cause any closures.

“There was considerably less snow this season, so clearing the roadway took less time than expected and will be easier to maintain as the snow melts off,” said Gerald Thuente, heavy equipment operator in Laramie during a recent interview.

The following historical data shows when the passes have reopened since 2012:


WYO 130 – Snowy Range Road – opened the Saturday before Memorial Day for the season. Late snowstorms delayed the opening.

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Northwest Wyoming - A

- A3: US 26-14 between Moran Junction and Dubois. Drain installation and slope stabilization as part of slide mitigation. October completion.
- A4: WYO 789 in Riverton: Reconstruction of 2 miles of road including utility, traffic signal, sidewalk and storm sewer work. October completion.
- A5: US 316 between Lovell and Cowley: Widening and realignment to accommodate additional lanes as well as bridge repairs on 4 miles of road. 10-foot width restriction over Shoshone River. October completion.
- A6: WYO 296 Chief Joseph Slide project: Addition of 280,000 cubic yards of material at the bottom of the slide to stabilize area. Guardrail replacement and road repairs. Delays of 5-10 minutes. June completion.
- A7: WYO 789 between Riverton and Shoshone: Paving overlay. October completion.
- A8: WYO 135 between Riverton and Sweetwater Station: Paving overlay. October completion.
- A10: US 20/WOY 789: 5 miles north of Thermopolis. Project work includes grading, drainage, placing crushed gravel base, asphalt pavement surfacing, placement of 400 feet of asphalt pavement curb for drainage, fencing and other work near mile marker 137.
- A11: WY 31 near Hyattville: Rehabilitation including shoulder flattening, pipe extensions, and an asphalt-pavement leveling and overlay. October completion.
- A13: WYO 789 between Riverton and Hudson: Installation of 1.8 miles of passing lanes.

Southwest Wyoming - B

- B1: I-80 between Ganger Junction and Green River: Surfacing work on 6 miles of eastbound road. October completion.
- B3: WYO 233 between Kemmerer and Hanna Fork: 18 miles of grading, milling and paving, as well as miscellaneous work. October completion.
- B4: WYO 411 west of Mountain View: Road surfacing and bridge rehabilitation on 4 miles of road and three bridges, including right-of-way fence installation. Project is funded through 10-cent fuel-tax revenue. October completion.
- B5: US 189 between Big Piney and Daniel Junction: Resurfacing and bridge rehabilitation on 8 miles of road. Project is funded through 10-cent fuel-tax revenue. October completion.
- B7: WYO 239 between Kingman and Deep Creek: surfacing and others work on 7 miles of road. Project is funded through 10-cent fuel-tax revenue. October completion.
- B8: WYO 316 between Wheatland and Pinedale: surfacing and others work on 4 miles of road and three bridges, including right-of-way fence installation. Project is funded through 10-cent fuel-tax revenue. October completion.

Northeast Wyoming - C

- C1: WYO 387 from Pine Tree Junction (WYO 55) southwest toward WYO 192: Mill, level and overlay (mile markers 114-130). October completion.
- C2: US 585 Four Corners to Sundance: Mill and overlay (mile markers 0-10). One-way traffic with signals. Adding camera and weather station at closure gate. October completion.
- C6: I-90/Garner Lake Road Overpass: Bridge rehabilitation. One lane, head-to-head traffic with reduced speed limits. October completion.
- C8: WYO 59 Lakenow South Road closed May 28-Aug. 17. Detours marked for passenger and truck traffic.

Southeast Wyoming - D

- D1: I-80 between Laramie and Cheyenne: Pavement surfacing and bridge rehab on 7 miles starting at mile marker 341. October completion.
- D3: WYO 156 west of Torrington: Shoulder work, pavement overlay and bridge repairs on 7 miles. June 2019 completion.
- D6: US Airways: Road closed with detours.  One-lane traffic with reduced speeds.
- D7: US 85 north of Cheyenne: Twelve miles of resurfacing, pipe and culvert replacement from mile markers 35-47. September completion.
- D8: WYO 230 near Woods Landing: Resurfacing and a structure replacement from mile markers 22-33. June completion.
- D9: WYO 291 near Cheyenne to Horse Creek: Shoulder work (mile markers 6-8). August completion.
- D10: I-80 between El Mountain and Laramie: Pavement resurfacing and bridge work on 7 miles of both lanes. September 2019 completion.
- D11: US 30/Grand Avenue in Laramie: Shoulder work and other repairs on 7 miles of both lanes. September 2019 completion.