Wyoming Department of Transportation crews reopened all of the state's alpine highways ahead of schedule. WYDOT crews reopened WYO 130 (Snowy Range) and WYO 70 (Battle Pass) on Monday, May 21, and US 14A (between Lovell and Burgess Junction) on Tuesday, May 22.

WYO 130 typically reopens on Memorial Day weekend, while WYO 70 reopens in early June. US 14A reopens toward the end of May.

“Our maintenance and equipment crews worked hard to reopen those passes several weeks early,” said Gregg Fredrick, WYDOT chief engineer. “We commend the work and effort they put into reopening those high-elevation passes. They are dedicated and committed individuals who worked to ensure the start of the summer traveling season gets off on the right foot for our residents as well as our out-of-state visitors.”

Crews in the north encountered deep snow from a wet winter. The south had less snow, but crews battled thick ice and the effects of recent beetle kill mitigation.

“With the tree removal last year, we have snow in places that we’ve never had it before,” said Al Branscom.

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