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US 18 between Lander and Rawlings: Retaining wall construction in Shell Canyon between mileposts 231.31 and 241.73. October completion.

US 18 between Granger Junction and Green River: Surfacing work on 6 miles of eastbound road. October completion.

US 287 between Riverton and Rock Springs: Reconstruction of two miles of road including utility, traffic signal, sidewalk and storm sewer work. October 2018 completion.

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WYO 31 between Manderson and Hyattville: Concrete extensions, culvert extensions, minor slope flattening, and asphalt milling, an asphalt pavement overlay and chip seal. October completion.

WYO 296 Chief Joseph Slide project: Addition of 380,000 cubic yards of material at the bottom of the slide to stabilize area. Guardrail replacement and road repairs. Delays of 5-10 minutes. June 2019 completion.

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Wyoming 100 5th Street Exit to Port of Entry (resurface and reconstruction) two-way head-to-head traffic. No delays. North Sheridan Interchange to North Main Street through to Fort Road (resurface, utilizes Two-way, head-to-head traffic. No delays.


Wyoming 156 west of Torrington: Crews will shoulder, add a pavement overlay and make minor bridge repairs on 7 miles. June 2019 completion.

Wyoming 10 north of Wheatland: Grading, draining, milling, paving and bridge rehabilitation on 7 miles of road (mileposts 94-101). October 2019 completion.

Wyoming 20 between Lusk and Van Tassell: Reconstruction with full-depth reclamations and overlay between mileposts 54.60 – 63.23.

Wyoming 80 east of South Greeley Highway near Cheyenne: Road resurfacing, bridge repair and slip repair at the Port of Entry on 11 westbound miles of road. October 2019 completion.

Wyoming 10 between Woods Landing and the Colorado State line: Road resurfacing on 9 miles or road. Project is funded through 10-cent fuel-tax revenue. October completion.

Check the construction report online at: www.wyoroad.info: Construction - Statewide

Legend

Interstate 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 paving projects: Motorists may be required to stop and wait to follow pilot cars. Usually, any delays are limited to 10 minutes or less and travel is on pavement.

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

Not every project is listed.

Due to the unpredictable nature of the construction process, not 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.

Commercial 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 www.wyoroad.info/highway/restrictions.html.

Distracted driving is bad for your health.

No bones about it.