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## Teton Pass work continues

Temporary detour prepared for winter; work underway on permanent fix



Photo: WYDOT drone/Matt Brackling

**Work on the long term fix for the landslide-affected area on Teton Pass was split into two packages for efficiency. The Wyoming Transportation Commission approved the first work package, which totaled about \$12 million, to Ames Construction in an August special meeting.**

By Jordan Young

On June 28, the Wyoming Department of Transportation and its contractor, Evans Construction, made the impossible a reality and reopened Wyoming Highway 22/Teton Pass after a devastating landslide, now nicknamed the Big Fill slide, destroyed part highway earlier that month.

“Three weeks of incredible work,” said Governor Mark Gordon at a July thank you dinner for WYDOT employees in Jackson. “You were absolutely outstanding. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

The temporary detour, located just inside the curve at the landslide location, is slightly steeper than the 10 percent grade that the Pass had before the slide. While it got commuters, tourists and other traffic moving again, WYDOT engineers do not consider it a suitable permanent solution.

Design work started on the long term fix while the detour was still under construction. Due to the project scope, the long term fix was split into two work packages for maximum efficiency.

The Wyoming Transportation Commission approved the first work package, which totaled about \$12 million, to Ames Construction in an August special meeting. Work on the first work package – which involved clearing landslide debris, installing soil nails, traffic control and other dirt work – is nearly complete. Crews

worked double shifts to expedite the work while the weather was still favorable.

“Work package one created a safe space for us to work in, as well as kept it safe for the traveling public driving on the detour,” said resident engineer Bob Hammond in a September WYDOT report.

In a September special meeting, the Commission awarded the second work package to Ames, which totaled to \$30.14 million. The second work package includes adding coupled micro-piles to further stabilize the foundation and adding a lightweight, reinforced fill to the area.

“The fill will consist of a specialized material made from recycled glass,” Hammond said in a September WYDOT Report. “Dirt is normally about 110 to 120 lbs. per cubic foot; this material weighs 27 lbs. per cubic foot, so it’s a lot lighter and it’s very durable.”

Although WYDOT and its contractor previously anticipated having the long-term fix ready before the snow flies, the plan had to be adjusted to accommodate supply chain and other external factors, including the unpredictable weather in the high-elevations of Teton Pass. Work will likely continue into spring 2025, with a contract completion date of July 2025.

In addition to the work on the long term fix, crews have been

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preparing the detour to carry traffic through the winter. Preparations have included chip sealing for increased traction and replacing the concrete barrier with traditional guardrail to make it easier for snow plows to maneuver the detour.

In September, the Commission also awarded a \$528,805 bid to Afton-based Avail Valley Construction for a project to clean up the debris from the nearby mudslide at mile marker 15. The work involves grading, traffic control, clearing/grubbing, stormwater drainage work and seeding and erosion control, among other work. The contract completion date is Nov. 30, 2024.

No long term closures of Teton Pass are planned this winter unless necessitated by weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Every effort will be made to complete as much work as possible this fall while the weather remains favorable.

WYDOT and the contractor are committed to maintaining



Photo: WYDOT drone/Matt Brackling

**The temporary detour on WYO 22/Teton Pass opened to traffic June 28, just three weeks after the catastrophic landslide closed the highway.**

two-way traffic as much as possible for the traveling public. Drivers over Teton Pass area asked to use caution through the work zone.

As a reminder, in addition to the year-round weight restriction to vehicles weighing more than 60,000 lbs., Teton Pass also sees a trailer restriction in the winter months. This restriction includes any sized trailer used for either personal and commercial loads.

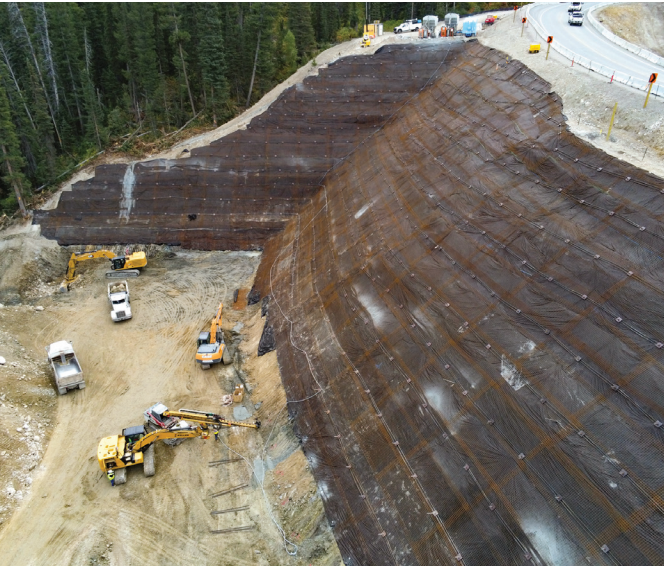


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**Ames Construction’s work on the first work package – which involved clearing landslide debris, installing soil nails, traffic control and other dirt work at the Big Fill slide area on Teton Pass – is nearly complete.**



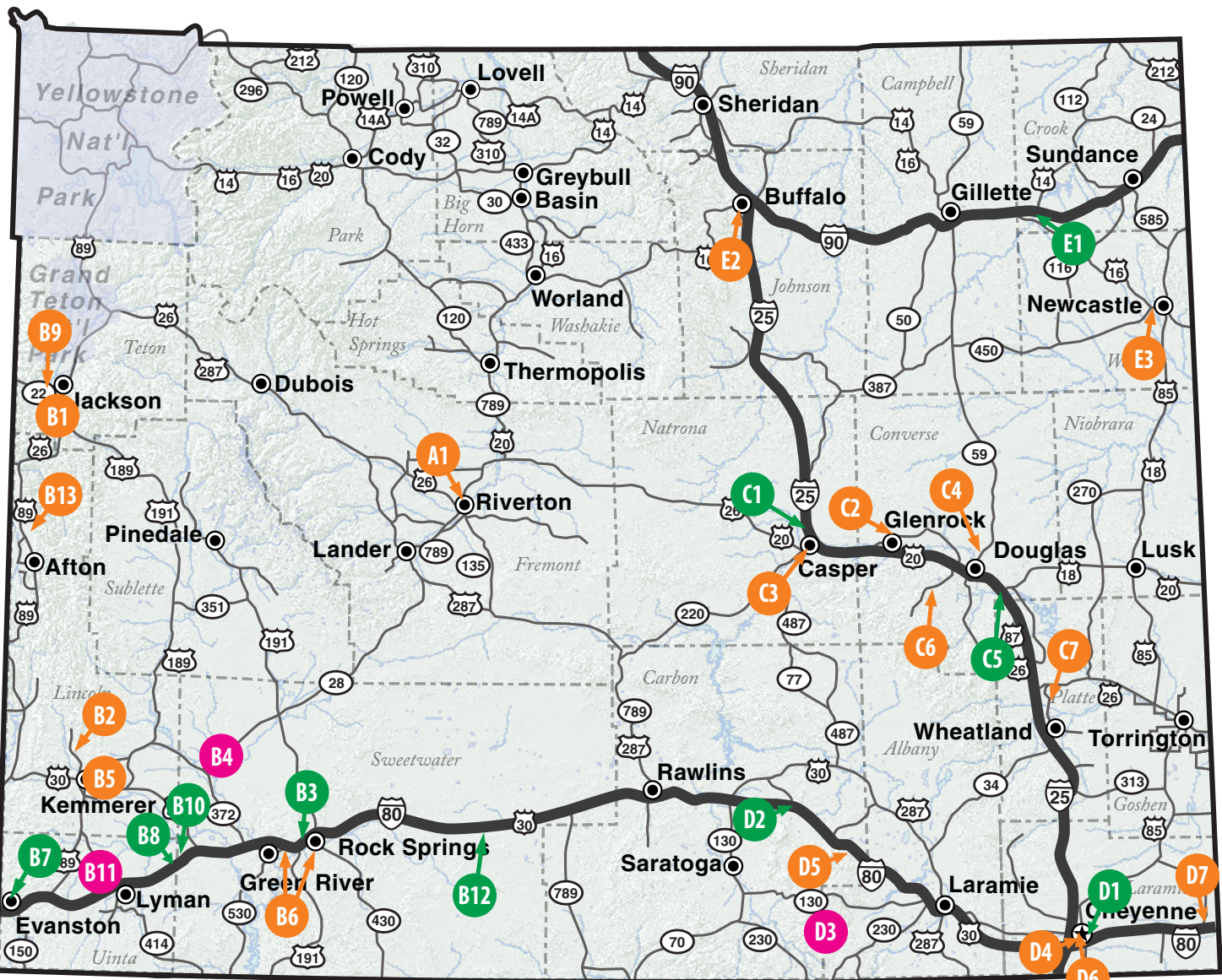
Northwest Wyoming - A

**A1 US 26:** Riverton traffic signal installation project, intersection of US 26 (West Main Street) and 5th Street, and US 26 (West Main Street) and 8th Street). The project to replace two traffic signal systems is at mileposts 132.65 and 132.86 within Riverton city limits.

Southwest Wyoming - B

- B1 Swinging Bridge:** Structure replacement, grading, traffic control, bituminous surfacing and miscellaneous work on County Road 22-10 beginning at the bridge over Snake River.
- B2 WYO 233/Frontier Section:** from MM 0-1.5, grading, paving, chip seal, structure work and minor sidewalk repairs.
- B3 Rock Springs/I-80 Interchange Rd.:** Replace/reconstruct interchange; 0.81 miles.
- B4 Contract patch in various locations:** Lincoln, Uinta, Sweetwater Counties. Bituminous surfacing, milling, traffic control and other work.
- B5 ADA Upgrades:** Sidewalk/curb and gutter, electrical, concrete paving, traffic control, signing, pavement striping and aggregate surfacing work at various locations in the town of Kemmerer.
- B6 District 3 Bridge Rehab:** Rehabilitation work on structure over Green River on WYO 374 at MM 87.17 in Jamestown and on structure at intersection of WYO 376 and WYO 430 in Rock Springs.
- B7 District 3 Bridge Rehab:** UPRR Overpass structure at RM 5.31 on I-80/US 189 Bus. in the city of Evanston.
- B8 Evanston-Green River (I-80 County Line East):** Milling, Bituminous surfacing, bridge work, pipe lining and misc. work on 8.43 miles of both EBL and WBL starting at RM 57.01.

- B9 Jackson-Wilson Rd. (Snake River Bridge):** Bridge replacement, grading, traffic control, surfacing, bituminous and concrete surfacing, fencing on 1.80 miles on WYO 22, WYO 390 between Jackson and Wilson Rd.
- B10 Evanston-GRRV (County Line East) project:** RM 57-65.44 milling and paving in both EBL & WBL as well as pipe replacement and culvert lining. Portions under traffic and then with traffic switched head to head while we work on other direction.
- B11 District 3 High Mast lighting upgrade:** Replacing existing 120 ft. high mast lighting with 80 ft. high masts from Evanston all the way to Wamsutter.
- B12 Rock Springs-Rawlins (Point of Rocks East):** RM 130-138 construction of slip ramps and minor shoulder paving in preparation for 2025 EBL & WBL milling and 4-inch paving and minor bridge work.
- B13 Strawberry Creek Roadway Realignment:** Asphalt paving, grading, aggregate surfacing, traffic control, stormwater drainage, fencing and chip seal work on 0.70 mile on CR 126 (Strawberry Creek Road) in Lincoln County.



Legend

- I 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.
- P Two-lane road projects:** Motorists may be required to stop and wait to follow pilot cars. Usually, any delays are limited to 20 minutes or less and travel is on pavement.
- R Two-lane road projects:** At times, motorists may have to drive on gravel or another temporary surface, typically for two miles or less. Delays are limited, there are no detours unless specifically noted but there may be a pilot car.
- D District-wide projects:** Various locations, may involve reduced speeds.

**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](http://www.wyoroad.info/highway/restrictions.html).

Northeast Wyoming - E

- E1 I-90 at Moorcroft:** Bridge repair work from MM 152.96 and 147.59.
- E2 US 16/87:** Buffalo Main Street and I-25 / I-90 Business Loop. Mill and overlay MM 298.02 to 301.34.
- E3 US 16 Bypass:** Railroad bridge rehab – MM 248.70.

Central Wyoming - C

- C1 I-25:** Five bridge replacements. Surfacing and other work between MM 189-190. Affects both NB and SB lanes.
- C2 WYO 95:** Surfacing and bridge rehabilitation between MM 1.69-7.65.
- C3 WYO 220:** Casper Streets – Drainage, surfacing, traffic control and other work on .30 miles of Poplar Street beginning at MM 115.80.
- C4 WYO 59:** Mill and overlay; structure rehabilitation and other work on 7.70 miles beginning at MM 19.30 north of Douglas in the Lightning Creek area.
- C5 I-25:** District 2 Bridge Rehabilitation on I-25 at Orin Junction.
- C6 WYO 91:** Overlay and chip seal and other surfacing work on Cold Springs Road beginning at MM 13.20 south of Douglas.
- C7 WYO 320:** Mill and overlay between mileposts 0.4 - 14.7.

Southeast Wyoming - D

- D1 US 30/East Lincolnway:** MM 365.74-368.36, project includes new box culvert for Cheyenne Greenway Underpass, other work will include milling and paving, shoulder work, signal installation at Whitney, a median island installed from Pershing to Whitney, and extending the 5-lane section.
- D2 I-80:** MM 258.9-267.19 (EB only) and Wagon-hound Rest Area, work includes mill & overlay, Rest Area resurfacing.
- D3 District 1 Bridge rehab:** First bridge is at MM 302.91 in the EB lanes on I-80. Then move to the WB structure at MM 300.44. Other locations – I-80 EB structure at 245.94 and WYO 76 at MM 221.68, the UPRR overpass by the East Sinclair interchange. Work includes four structure rehabilitations.
- D4 College Drive (I-25 to US 85):** The project will take place on WYO 212/College Dr. between the I-25 interchange and US 85/S. Greeley Highway (MM 0.14-2.71). Work includes new asphalt surfacing, ADA upgrades, concrete repairs to some approaches near the I-25 interchange. Detours provided to maintain access to businesses and side roads. There will be a 16-foot width restriction in place.
- D5 WYO 72, Elk Mountain:** WYO 72 from I-80 to the town of Elk Mountain, MM 12.37-15.98. Mill, overlay, structure and drainage work.
- D6 US85/Central Ave. and Yellowstone intersection:** Slab replacements. Work will be paused over Cheyenne Frontier Days.
- D7 US 30:** in Pine Bluffs from Parson Street to NE state line (401-403). Work includes replacing a box culvert, mill and overlay, and new railroad crossing at Butler Ave.

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