

US 34 CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC IMPACTS

AUGUST to OCTOBER 2016

US 34 will be open to through traffic in both directions; however, between mile points 77 and 80 (just east of Drake) drivers might encounter short-duration lane closures. During rock blasting work at mile point 78.4, traffic will be stopped for 20 to 30 minutes during the blast to maintain public safety.

There will be general construction activity in this area and some of this work will require lane closures. People driving through this area should plan for flagging operations and up to 20-minute delays. Drivers are encouraged to look for signage and check the project website at us34canyon.codot.gov for daily updates on lane closures and travel impacts.

OCTOBER 2016 to LATE MAY 2017

Major rock blasting and road construction work will be done that will require closing the highway between mile points 77 and 80 (just east of Drake to approximately Cedar Cove). From this October until the Friday before Memorial Day next year, only canyon residents* displaying the requisite permit will be allowed to travel on US 34 between Drake and Cedar Cove. Permitted travel will be limited to these timeframes seven days a week:

6 to 8:30 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.

During these morning and evening timeframes, canyon residents will be allowed to follow pilot cars in either direction between Drake and Loveland. With the closure area being about 3 ½ miles long, canyon residents will encounter some delays as each pilot car completes its passage through the work zone and is ready to make the return trip in the opposite direction.

With the exception of canyon residents*, emergency service providers, school busses and people doing business in the canyon (waste haulers, propane companies, package delivery, etc.), through travel on US 34 will be restricted to all other people at all times during this first phase of work. All others will need to use US 36 and State Highway 66 to travel between Estes Park and Loveland. This should enable canyon residents to travel along US 34 in a safer, more expedited manner during the allotted times. Vehicle permits will be used to identify canyon residents. In September, CDOT will distribute detailed information on how to obtain permits and how this process will work.

Canyon residents defined as those living along US 34 between Mall Road and the Dam Store and along County Road 43 up to Glen Haven.

