



PERMIT FACT SHEET

Will there be any work taking place on County Road 43?

There will be work done near the intersection of US 34 and County Road 43, but this project doesn't include any work on County Road 43 itself.

What work is being done during this closure?

During this closure, there will be several work zones spread over 12 miles of US 34 from just east of Mall Road (near mile point 66) to the Dam Store (near mile point 83). Some future construction activities along this stretch of road include:

- Extensive soil-cement mixing operations in the Narrows area from October until the end of the year. This work will entail digging down to and mixing the native materials with cement to form a solid, erosion-resistant mass on which to build the road.
- Continued construction of the new bridge through the Horseshoe curve.
- Overnight truck hauling operations throughout the east end of the canyon to move materials in and out of the Round Mountain Trailhead processing site (near mile point 80).
- Moving the roadway onto bedrock just west of Idlewild Lane (near mile point 78) and just west of Drake (near mile point 76).
- Rebuilding/upsizing the Waltonia access bridge.
- Coordinating with Larimer County to rebuild/improve six other county access bridges.
- Repairing the road near the landslide area just west of Waltonia.
- Soil-cement mixing operations near Idlewild Lane

What traffic impacts will be associated with this work?

The canyon will be closed to through-traffic beginning Monday, Oct. 2, until late May 2018. Only Canyon residents will be allowed to travel along US 34 during the following time periods:

- 6 to 8:30 a.m. daily
- 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday
- 4 to 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday

Repairing the road near the landslide area just west of Waltonia will require a full closure of the canyon from approximately mile points 72 to 74 beginning in October and continuing through early 2018. During this time, permit holders traveling to Estes Park will need to use County Road 43.

When can we travel in and out of the canyon?

You will always have access to County Road 43 and the ability to travel west toward Estes Park at any time of the day. Travel to Loveland can be done via US 34 during the aforementioned permit travel hours, or at any time of the day by going west on County Road 43 to Estes Park and then taking US 36 south to Lyons, State Highway 66 east to Highway 287 and 287 north into Loveland.

Will we be able to access US 34 from County Road 43?

US 34 will be closed to the east and west of this intersection, so while you will technically be able to travel southeast on County Road 43 to US 34, you will not be able to access US 34.

Is there any work that will occur after Memorial Day?

Paving and river work along US 34 will occur after Memorial Day.

What if I need to get in or out of the canyon at times other than the open travel times?

Unlike residents along US 34 who might be located in the middle of a construction zone, residents along County Road 43 will always have the ability to travel west toward Estes Park at any time of the day. From there, anyone wanting to go to Loveland can follow the posted US 36/SH 66/Highway 287 detour.

Why isn't there a midday opening for permit holders to travel the corridor?

Based on the public's input last spring, the project team considered several suggestions for making this closure less restrictive, including providing a midday opening for permit holders to travel through the canyon. Doing so would have impacted the schedule to the point where the full closure would extend into the summer of 2018. Furthermore, the full closure of US 34 near Waltonia and the inability to get vehicles through the east end of the canyon with equipment on the road in the constrained Narrows area make a midday pass impossible.

Why isn't there an overnight opening for permit holders to travel the corridor?

During the overnight hours, Kiewit uses several 40-ton haul trucks – like the one pictured to the right – to transport materials in and out of the Round Mountain Trailhead area. This large machinery not only takes up most of the roadway, but it becomes a safety issue to have these trucks operating around hard-to-see passenger vehicles.



How will mail and package delivery services be handled?

Residents living off County Road 43 who have post office boxes in Drake will be able to get to the post office. UPS and FedEx drivers will be able to access County Road 43 at any time from Estes Park. We are also coordinating with these delivery service companies to provide access from the east end of the canyon during the morning and afternoon openings.

Are school bus operations affected?

No. School buses for the Thompson School District will be able to pass through the canyon during the morning and afternoon openings to pick up and drop off students along US 34. The Estes Park School District bus will be able to travel up and down County Road 43 at any time to pick up and drop off students.

What about waste hauling, propane delivery and other services that need to reach my home?

As with parcel delivery services, any company that might be doing business at your home will be able to access US 34 during the open times. If you have a contractor who expresses the inability to reach your property, we encourage you to provide us with their contact information so we can work with them.