



PERMIT FACT SHEET

What type of work will occur in the narrows?

In the Narrows area (approximately mile points 81 to 82), crews will be removing material from under the roadway and mixing it with a cement mixture to create man-made bedrock. This procedure is called soil mixing and will prevent the roadway from washing away during the next flood event. There will also be drainage and guardrail installed, as well as roadway replacement in this area.

What does resident access entail?

- The canyon will be closed to through traffic beginning Monday, Oct. 2, until late May 2018. Canyon residents only will be permitted to travel 6 to 8:30 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6 to 8:30 a.m. and 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 who live in the narrows and plan to travel to Estes Park will need to use County Road 43.
- As work is completed, more access will be available. Below is a tentative schedule for the narrows area. All schedules are weather dependent.
 - October to January
 - Pilot car operations from 6 to 8:30 a.m. and 4 to 7/8 p.m.
 - Resident Scheduling Service provided
 - Late January to May
 - Open to all traffic with intermittent single-lane closures controlled by flaggers



Is there any work that will occur after Memorial Day?

Paving and river work 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?

CDOT understands that canyon residents living within the closure boundaries will need access at times other than the morning and afternoon openings. With this in mind, the team has developed a plan to provide a Resident Scheduling Service (RSS). Separate from the permitting process, the RSS will provide coordinated access in and out of the canyon – outside of the morning and afternoon openings – for residents living within the closure area.

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 (near mile point 80). 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. Residents living in the closure areas can use the RSS to coordinate access in and out of the canyon at times other than the morning and afternoon openings.



How will mail and package delivery services be handled?

We are working with post office officials to provide cluster boxes for residents who have their mail delivered to Drake. The exact location of these cluster boxes will be provided prior to the closure. Cluster mailboxes will also be installed for residents who have Loveland zip codes. We are also coordinating with 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.

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.