



# SH 9 WILDLIFE AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

## OVERVIEW

Work will resume April 4, 2016, on the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Wildlife and Safety Improvements project on State Highway (SH) 9, between Kremmling and Silverthorne in Summit and Grand counties. The recommencement of work will mark the beginning of phase two of the project. The project began in April 2015, and is expected to be completed by the end of October 2016.

Kirkland Construction of Rye, Co. is the contractor for this \$39.2 million project, which is expected to be completed by mid-July 2017.

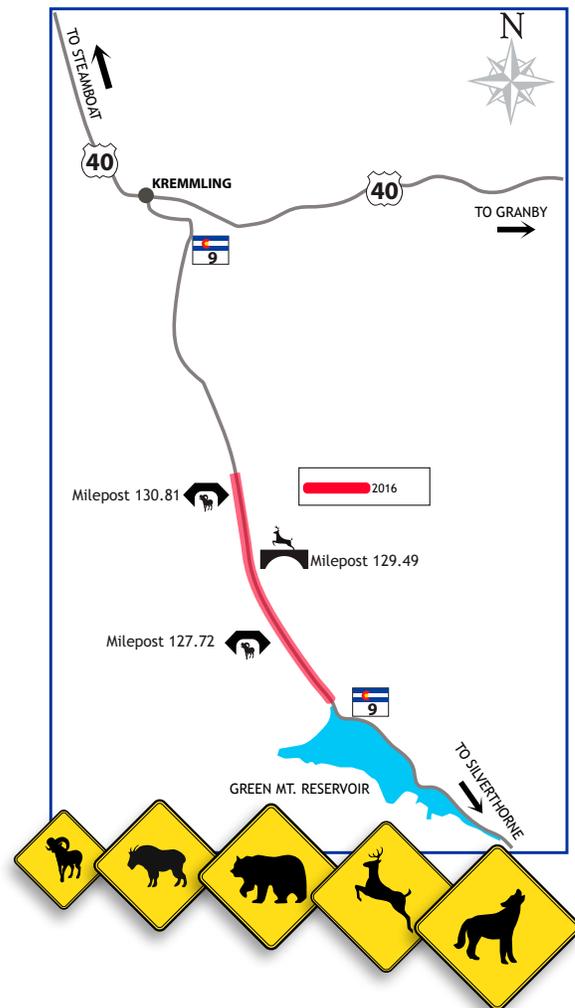
The narrow stretch of highway between Mile Point (MP) 126 and MP 137 on SH9 has been the site of numerous wildlife-vehicle collisions over the years. The roadway runs between feeding and watering habitats frequently used by wildlife in the area. In an effort to mitigate future accidents, a partnership between CDOT, Grand County, The Blue Valley Ranch and Colorado Parks and Wildlife was developed to improve the safety and lifespan of the highway.

## PROJECT PROGRESS

Phase II of the project will occur between MP 126 and 131, and will include highway realignment and the installation of three wildlife crossings. Safety improvements include adding eight foot shoulders, improving roadway alignment to meet current design speed standards, straightening severe roadway curves and flattening steep hills to improve drivers' sight distance. The project will also add fencing along five miles of the highway, and build two underpass and one overpass structure to allow wildlife to migrate and reduce potential collisions.

## SCHEDULE AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Monday through Friday, during daylight hours, both northbound and southbound traffic will be reduced to one lane alternating traffic with 45 minute stops



expected. These delays are necessary for crews to transport and place large concrete structures for the underpass and overpass structures. Road surface conditions will be extremely rough for the majority of construction, as final paving operations will not occur until later in the project. Alternate routes are strongly advised. There is the possibility some Saturdays will be needed for construction activities, as well as some night work to install overpass structures and pipes in the roadway.

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### **DETOURS**

Alternate routes are highly advised. Motorists are encouraged to utilize US Highway 40 and SH 131 to detour around construction. These routes will add 28-30 minutes to your trip.

### **CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM**

If you have questions about the project, contact the Public Information Team. You will receive a response within 24 hours.

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