

Basic Press Release

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— Project Update — Shutdown set for US 160 Wolf Creek Pass fiber optic project Work stops October 27 and will resume spring of 2024

Southwest Colorado — The US Highway 160 fiber optic installation project, between Pagosa Springs and Wolf Creek Pass, will begin a winter shutdown this week. The project takes place from the east side of Pagosa Springs to the Wolf Creek tunnel on the east side of the pass, between Mile Points 144-174.

To date, 169,000 linear feet (32 miles) of conduit, 42,000 linear feet (8 miles) of electrical conductor, 113 manholes, and 160 pull boxes have been placed between the ski area to Pagosa Springs city limits along with the fiber installation.

The project is expected to resume in spring 2024, with final completion scheduled for late summer or early fall of 2024. Construction activities for the 2024 season will include: installation of overhead variable message signs, variable speed limit signs, closed circuit cameras, a weather monitoring station, and static signs.

The fiber optic cable will connect with existing fiber that was installed in 2017 along a 16-mile stretch of the US 160 mountain corridor from Wolf Creek Pass east tunnel to the community of South Fork. The installation of new and upgraded dynamic signs will provide additional safety and warning messages to all Wolf Creek Pass travelers during road and weather conditions, by reinforcing lowered speeds and the forewarning of the westside hairpin turn near the westside scenic overlook.

Project Contact Information

For additional information about this project, contact the project team. The project hotline and email box will not be monitored during the shutdown period.

- Project website: www.codot.gov/projects/us160-wolfcreekpass-fiber
- Project information line: 970.363.5100
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Trenching and directional drilling activities on US 160 in July 2023.



Ongoing trenching activities on US 160 in July 2023.