

Highway 35



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How things change, last week it was the debris flow down White River, this week its snow. With the white stuff came a halt to construction. As with any slick roadway conditions safety is a key consideration. The mix of flaggers stopping vehicles is not a good combination. Even without anyone working, someone clobbered and bent a section of guardrail going into White River West Snow Park. The two photos taken today illustrate conditions at Green Apple Bridge and adjacent to Pocket Creek Snow Park in the Clark-

Newton section. Measured snow on the ground at White River Snow Park showed 8-inches and 6-inches at Teacup Snow Park.

We still have work to complete which from the looks of weather next week although wet will allow work to proceed. Aside from a punch list of small items, we have some guardrail to install, new signs to go up, shoulder rock touchup and a general pick up of trash throughout the project. A larger scale work item yet to start is completing the slope treatment with hydro-seeding and wood chips. The US Forest Service is seeding the slopes and placing wood chips using one of their subcontractors. If you are traveling past the Bennett Snow Park, you may have seen the large stockpile of wood chips sitting there ready for placement.

Next week again provided the weather is only wet and the snow and ice have abated Federal Highways will evaluate the asphalt surface smoothness/roughness judging it by the International Roughness Index (IRI). If you see a vehicle with gadgets hanging from the trailer hitch it's the IRI guys.

Next week in both locations, expect brief flagger controlled stops, Monday through Friday 7:30 to 5:30. If necessary, there could be work on Saturday to catch up on this week of no work.



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