



News Release

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Road Work Projects to Begin August 18

Wells, Nevada...Beginning around August 18, 2008, the Forest Service will begin a number of road repairs around Elko. All road work will be completed by the end of September, or early October.

The road work will involve the following areas on the specified dates:

- **Thomas Canyon Campground, located 25 miles south of Elko.** This bridge stability improvement project will begin on-or-around Monday, August 18, and will involve heavy truck traffic and excavation equipment in Thomas Canyon Campground and along Lamoille Canyon Road. No traffic control is planned; however, campers may notice noise and be inconvenienced by construction in the campground associated with earth work operations. The project should require three days to complete.
- **Meadow Creek Bridge, located 90 miles north of Elko.** The Meadow Creek Bridge, located near the intersection of Hicks Mountain Road and Meadow Creek Road, was burned during the Murphy Complex Fire in 2007. Bridge construction will begin around Tuesday, August 26, and will require closing Meadow Creek Road to all traffic for about a month. Signs are now being posted at all access points that lead into the Meadow Creek area. The signs will state the closure dates and contact number(s) for an information recording. Work will be continuous from start-to-finish to expedite its completion, and to minimize the inconvenience to travelers. A detour around the construction site is not feasible; travelers should not expect through travel on Meadow Creek Road during this construction project.

Further "down the road," the Lamoille Canyon Road reconstruction will occur two years from now, in 2010. The project will include 12 miles of asphalt rehabilitation, slope stability improvements, drainage work, and a new bridge or large culvert near Roads' End. During implementation, the project will restrict traffic into and out of the canyon to a one-lane road with a pilot car during the day. During bridge construction, the last mile of road into Roads' End will be inaccessible to traffic and may be inaccessible to foot traffic, depending on district priorities.

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