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Road work will affect travel on the Powell Ranger District

Powell, ID—Motorists on the Clearwater National Forest's Powell Ranger District should be aware of road work that will affect several of the District's major roads in the upcoming weeks.

According to District Ranger Chad Benson, travelers should expect to increased truck traffic on Packer Meadows Road 373 beginning July 7. The trucks will be hauling gravel from a gravel pile near mile marker eight to the road's intersection with U.S. Highway 12 at Lolo Pass. Benson estimates the hauling will occur for approximately two weeks.

The trucks will be hauling the gravel approximately 11 miles down U.S. Highway 12 to Elk Summit Road 111 which will be graveled from its intersection with the Highway to the 5 ½-mile marker. During placement of the aggregate, motorists are encouraged to proceed with caution as they will encounter gravel trucks, road graders and loose gravel. Benson said no closures or delays are expected during the work.

On July 14, Packer Meadows Road 373 will be closed at milepost 14.4 so the North Fork Spruce Creek Bridge can be replaced. The work is expected to last for approximately two months.

Benson said there will be no through traffic during bridge construction; however, road segments on either side of the bridge area will be open up to the construction site.

Questions regarding the status of roads in the Powell area should be addressed to personnel at the Powell Ranger Station, (208)942-3113.

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