

News Release Fishlake National Forest



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Expect delays starting August 16 when driving on the Kents Lake Road (Forest Service Road 137) located on the Beaver Ranger District of the Fishlake National Forest. The Kents Lake Road begins 10 miles east of Beaver along State Road 153 and 11 miles west of Junction. Improvements will take place from the junction of State Road 153 and Kents Lake Road in Beaver Canyon to Betensen Flat. Closures will be minimized to where and when work warrants. This could take place between 8 am to 12 pm Monday thru Friday and 1 pm to 5 pm Monday thru Thursday. Work will take place this fall until snow closes the operation and start again as weather permits next spring until completed.

The road has become potentially unsafe for travel due to the increased traffic on the road and blind corners. The road in some areas doesn't have the proper amount and size of pullouts, or places for traffic to pass. Improvements will consist of widening the road to Little Res, widen curves, establish turnouts, stabilize slump areas, improve drainage, gravel, and culvert replacement. The past two summers a forest service crew has removed trees along the road for project preparation and visual distance improvement.

For further and updated information on the Kents Lake Road Improvement Project go to <u>www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake</u>. Also maps will be posted routinely at the following bulletin boards at the junction of State Road 153 and Forest Road 137 on the Beaver side and at the summit on the Junction side.