

US 12 – Tieton River East and West Bridges – Replacement

Closures for Blasting

Blasting and overnight closures are delayed because the contractor has encountered different material than anticipated. WSDOT and the contractor are working together to develop a new slope stabilization plan and start date for blasting-related closures.

Crews will continue to work on the foundations for the two new bridges on the project. Roadway work is on hold until slope issues are resolved.

Closure/Turnaround Points

Westbound traffic. Drivers should prepare for winter driving conditions. During designated closure hours, all through traffic will be required to turn around or wait at the Oak Creek Elk Feeding Station. Local and recreational traffic can drive as far as Windy Point campground.

Eastbound traffic. Drivers should prepare for winter driving conditions. During designated closure hours, all through traffic will be required to turn around or wait at the White Pass summit. Local and recreational traffic can drive as far as Rimrock Retreat.

Important Closure Information

- Road closures are scheduled for Nov. 19 and 23.
- Closures may be shorter than the allotted time; 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Special arrangements have been made for emergency service vehicles.

How to call 511

- **Dial** “511”
- **Say** “Mountain Pass”
- **Say** “White Pass”
- **Listen**



Rockface blasting area.



Unexpected material.



Building bridge columns.

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Tune to 1610 AM or 530 AM

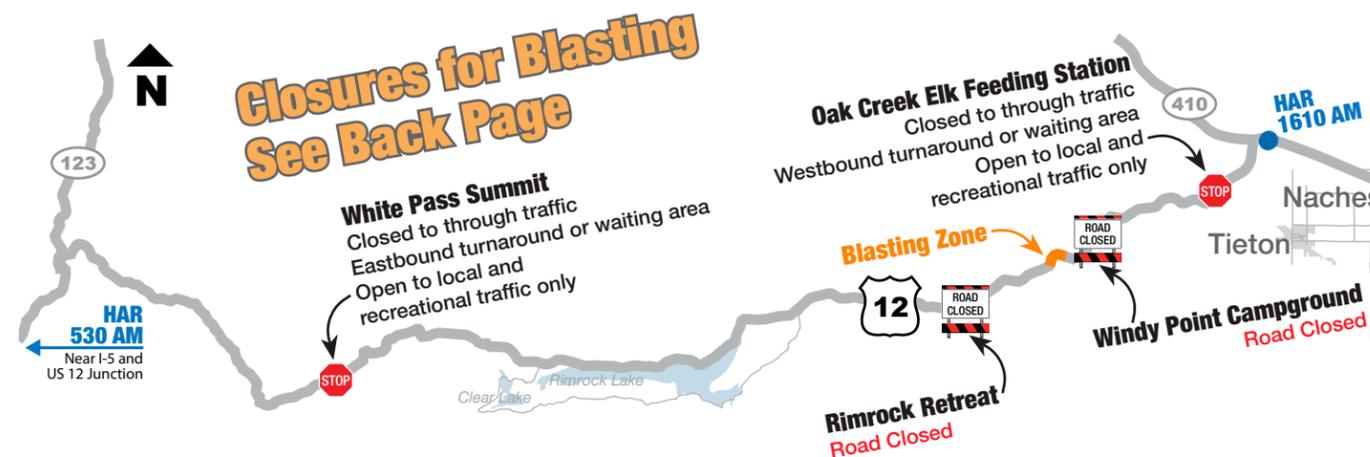
Watch for electronic message signs on the road.

For More Information

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Project Purpose

WSDOT has rated the Tieton River east and west bridges as structurally deficient. These bridges do not meet current standards of structural soundness or operational functionality. This project will replace the older bridges with safer, wider bridges and realign the roadway between the new bridges.

Project Description

This project is located approximately 10 miles west of the US 12 and SR 410 junction. WSDOT will build two new bridges alongside the existing bridges. The new bridges will be 32 feet wide, with 12 foot lanes, and four foot shoulders. The contractor will realign the roadway between the bridges. Rockface blasting on some of the steeper slopes will help reduce rockfall onto the new road. Crews will remove the existing bridges after the new bridges and road construction is complete.

Project Benefits

- **Safety.** The new bridges will be wider and safer for travelers. WSDOT will reduce rockfall hazards by blasting and moving the road farther away from the existing unstable slopes. Realigning the roadway away from the rockface will increase driver visibility and safety as well as give maintenance crews a safety zone for clearing fallen rock.
- **Environmental.** This project will improve the natural flow of the Tieton River by removing the existing bridge piers. The new bridges will not have piers in the river. They will be built to span the river. After the newly constructed bridges and roadway are built crews will remove the old road and bridges. WSDOT will replant this area with native vegetation.



Project Cost Estimate

Total: \$15.9* million

Note: This estimate includes engineering, right of way, and construction costs
*As approved in the 2009 Transportation Budget.

Construction Timeline

Construction started: July 2009
Scheduled completion: Fall 2010

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