

Grand Loop Road—Old Faithful to West Thumb

Construction Activities & Upcoming Work

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Project Description

Utilizing Great American Outdoor Act funding, the Old Faithful To West Thumb construction project includes Roadway rehabilitation, removal of encroaching turf from the roadway shoulder and milling and paving the full 30-foot wide roadway segment. Sub-excavation will also occur to replace the entire road structure, including the base and sub-base in areas where frost heaving caused considerable roadway damage. Guardrails, culverts, and other drainage structures that require rehabilitation will also be replaced and improved to bring these transportation infrastructure elements into states of good repair. Additionally, the project includes parking lots, a picnic area, and contractor campsites. All project work is located in Yellowstone National Park, Teton County, Wyoming.

Road Surface Conditions



Extreme caution should be exercised by motorists and motorcyclists, particularly during rainy or snowy weather conditions. Temporary traffic control signs are utilized and flaggers are positioned at active construction locations to ensure public safety. Road surfaces have been removed at culvert installation sites on the Grand Loop between Old Faithful and West Thumb. These locations are identified by advance signage to give warning to drivers, and receive dust control measures daily. Temporary asphalt pavement has been placed over all completed sub-exes, with temporary lane striping in place to aid drivers.



Current and Upcoming Work

The contractor has completed all sub-excavation work on Grand Loop Road and has started paving over those sections. The cold-in place recycled pavement started this week and has been completed in all areas around Old Faithful.

The contractor will continue work on the sub-excavation paving into next week. The cold-in place paving will continue next week and for the rest of the month. Once all of the sub-excavation areas are paved the contractor will start 401 paving on mainline later in the week. Log curb installation has begun in various parking lots and turnouts across the project. The guardrail sub-contractor has started removing guardrail in many areas. Guinett Masonry is set to start later this month with paved waterways and rock masonry walls.



Traffic Delays/Road Closures

Currently, up to 30-minute delays should be expected as construction proceeds through summer. One-lane, two-way traffic control zones are facilitated by traffic control flaggers. Major delays should be expected at Old Faithful next week when the paving operations are in that area. Please use extreme caution when traveling.

The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is available for viewing upon request. Also, interested parties can view the SWPPP sign posted at the project site.

Project Website: <https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/wy/oldfaithful-westthumb>

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Above: The cold-in place pavement being placed behind the paver after it has gone through the mill and has had the emulsion mixed into the material.

FHWA photo.



Above: The cold-in place recycle train milling the existing asphalt and creating the new asphalt mix.

Left: Log curb installation at the Kepler Cascades parking lot.

FHWA photo.