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Round Mountain Road Temporarily Closed to Facilitate Digital 395 work

Closure caused by Forest Service request to work in middle of road to protect forest resources while installing critical link in Project

Mono County, Calif. –Mono County temporarily closed Round Mountain Road starting September 5th through October 5th. This closure was necessitated by a United States Forest Service requirement that the project not impact surrounding natural resources. Due to the limited width of the road, the Digital 395 work will commence in the middle of the lane. A detour route has been established (see attached map) which allows access to Casa Diablo and Owens Gorge Roads.



Mono County appreciates the public's cooperation and understanding during this construction work. If you have questions regarding this temporary closure please contact Nate Greenberg, Mono County's Digital 395 Project Coordinator, at (760) 924-1819 or Jeff Walters, Mono County Acting Public Works Director at (760) 932-5459.

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Mono County offers a rural setting with the most spectacular landscapes in the state. Situated between the crest of the Sierra Nevada mountains and the California/Nevada border, Mono County has a land area of 3,030 square miles, or just over 2 million acres, 94% of which is publicly owned. Much of this land is contained in the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. As a result, Mono County is home to vast scenic and recreational resources, and has unsurpassed access to wilderness and adventure.

The county is home to, and named after Mono Lake, which is a large high-desert saline lake. Also located in the county is the historic gold rush town of Bodie, which during its heyday in the late 1800's was home to as many as 7,000 people, and is today maintained as a State Historic Park for the public to come and enjoy. The county seat is proudly located in Bridgeport.

Scenic Highway 395 weaves its way north-south through the heart of the county, effectively dividing the steep mountains to the west from the vast desert valley to the east. As it provides access to Yosemite National Park via Lee Vining, it passes beneath towering peaks, and past broad desert expanses.