

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, removing 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 is nearing completion of work in the Grant Contractor Campground. Paving in the campground is complete and water, sewer and electric utility systems are receiving final checks. Construction for the project is scheduled for 12-hour days, Monday-Friday until November 5th, and will resume in the spring.

Upcoming work for October and early November will include the placement of topsoil, seed mix and mulch in the contractor campground, and culvert installations on the Grand Loop. Soil erosion control and road maintenance will continue, as the contractor prepares the construction zones for winter shutdown.



Traffic Delays/Road Closures

Currently, up to 30-minute delays should be expected as construction proceeds through November 5th. One-lane, two-way traffic control zones are facilitated by traffic control flaggers. Motorists should be cautious and tolerant as workers safely proceed with improvements through narrow and environmentally delicate areas.

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: Paving and utility installation in the Grant Contractor Campground nears final completion. The campground will provide Yellowstone 47 new campsites, including four that are Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.



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Above: Temporary paving has been placed over all sub-excavations on the Grand Loop. Temporary guard rail, and erosion control measures are in place.

Left: Project personnel perform a walk-through inspection of topsoil placement with NPS staff in preparation for seeding and mulching.