



OVERVIEW

In April 2015, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) began a safety and improvements project on the 11-mile segment of State Highway (SH) 9 between Kremmling and Silverthorne. Work includes culvert replacement, wildlife fence installation, two overpasses and five underpasses for wildlife crossing, roadway realignment, and new guardrail and signage. The project is expected to last until mid-July 2017, with work suspending each winter.

The first phase of the project is focusing on the north side of the project, from Mile Marker (MM) 131 to 137, and will last until November 2015. Work includes culvert replacement and repair, highway realignment and the construction of four wildlife crossings. These include three underpasses at MM 131.61, MM 132.51 and MM 136.03, and an overpass at MM 134.42.

This project represents a public-private funding partnership among CDOT, Grand County, Summit County, Citizens for a Safe Highway 9 (C49), and Blue Valley Ranch.

Kirkland Construction of Rye, Colorado, is the contractor for this \$39.2 million project.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Delays on SH 9 can be up to 45 minutes long. Alternate routes, including SH 131 and US 40, are highly recommended. The lengthy delays are due to the nature of the work crews are performing along the north end of the highway.



The existing road is 24 feet wide and crews are working to widen it to 40 feet. To accomplish this, material is hauled from the pit at Mile Marker (MM) 131 toward the north end of the project by large trucks, each of which can be as long as seven car lengths and weigh close to 200,000 pounds.



Crews set the first precast wildlife underpass earlier this month at MM 136.

In order to travel along SH 9, the trucks need a clear path – one dedicated lane for their trips – and that means only one lane of traffic is in use by the traveling public. As the path of the trucks gets farther and farther away from the pit at the center of the highway, the lane closure lengthens, and traffic gets held longer to accommodate the hauling operations.

Motorists are encouraged to exercise extra caution while traveling through the construction zone, as there are rough road conditions and a heavy amount of dust. Follow the reduced posted speed, which is as low as 25 mph through the work zone.

SCHEDULE

Normal work hours are Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Some Saturdays will be needed for construction activities, and some night work will be required to install overpass structures and pipes.

CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM

If you have questions about the project, please leave a message on the project hotline or email us. You will receive a response within 24 hours on business days.

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# SH 9 WILDLIFE AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE

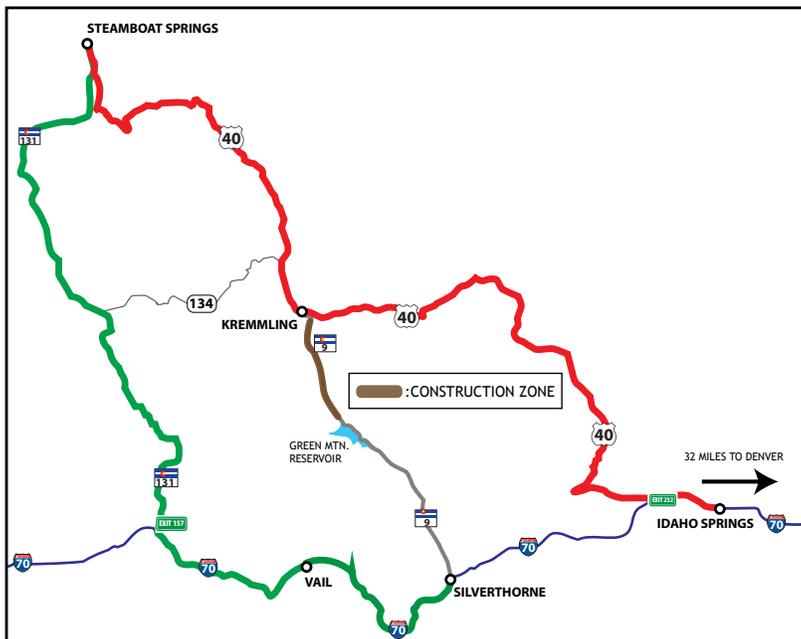
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## SH 9 WILDLIFE AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



-  Taking SH 131 from Silverthorne to Steamboat Springs adds 33 miles and approximately 35 minutes to your trip
-  Taking US 40 from Idaho Springs to Steamboat Springs adds 10 miles and approximately 28 minutes to your trip