



Fact Sheet

US 50 Blue Mesa Bridge Update County Road 26 Local Access

Overview

Improvements to County Road 26 (Lake City Cutoff) have been made to open this route for local commuters and critical travel between Montrose and Gunnison four times each day. Engineers continue to address cracking in the US Highway 50 bridge girder crossing the Blue Mesa Reservoir at Dillon Pinnacles. On May 9, the County Road 26 bypass reduced weight restrictions allowing trailers and heavier commercial use of the bypass. To maintain this as a viable, safe bypass, traffic will continue to be managed using pilot vehicles.

Pilot Car Operations

Westbound traffic starting at CO 149 & CR 26 are:

- 6:30 to 7 a.m.
- Noon to 12:30 p.m..
- 6:30 to 7 p.m.
- 8:30 to 9 p.m.

Eastbound traffic starting at US 50 & CR 26 are:

- 7:30 to 8 a.m.
- 1 to 1:30 p.m..
- 7:30 to 8 p.m..
- 9:30 to 10 p.m.

County Road 26 will only be open for travel during these timeframes. The road will remain closed at all other times for the ongoing restoration work needed to ensure the road remains safe for travel.

Weight Restrictions

Because CR 26 is a high-mountain, unpaved road that isn't intended to accommodate the traffic volumes of US 50, the bypass will not be open to vehicles more than 85,000 GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating). Visit leg.colorado.gov/content/size-and-weight-limitations for details. No oversized loads or hazardous materials will be allowed.

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