

Highway 35



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Another busy week, Tapani continues construction of the new roadway embankment west of White River. While Malcolm Drilling continues drilling bridge shafts. It has not been without problems. The drilling of 72" diameter shafts at the Green Apple Bridge site is difficult to say the least. Their previous progress on the 48" diameter shafts of one or two per day has been reduced this week to one every three days. In hopes of speeding up the process they have proposed drilling without casing, using a wet drilling method. That proposal is under review. On Wednesday evening a sink hole developed on the easterly edge of the existing White River Bridge. To prevent traffic problems Tapani set a steel road plate over the hole as an emergency measure. If you saw green dirt Monday and Tuesday it was from the application of Bonded Fiber Matrix (BFM) to all the slopes to control erosion from rain as shown to the right. In addition seen in the photo is a dark row which is the "Composted Berm". The berm in places is near the toe of the embankment while in other locations it's inside the tree line. Both products help combat and contain sediment on site. The lower photo has two Forest Service staff environmental specialists defining how to prepare these side slopes for the final wood chips treatment, which replaces the BFM.



At Tamarack Quarry there will likely be blasting next week. The exact day and time will be made available at several posting sites as well as notices to the two Ranger District offices and Trillium Campground Hosts.

Next week travelers will encounter traffic controlled stops on Highway 35 Monday thru Friday, 7:00AM to 6:00 PM. The stops should be very brief to allow construction equipment to cross.

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