

Highway 35



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With the new highway being higher than the old complications unforeseen in design came up last week and resolved this week. This first year the contractor started to prepare for the higher road elevation by raising not only the elevation of the new location for Highway 35, they raised the elevation on the adjacent White River East Snow Park, a full 8-foot plus. However Forest Service Road #48 had to remain at the lower elevation this year so getting equipment up from one elevation to another for snow plowing and equipment turnaround was not going to happen. This initially meant the Snow park would be out of business for this year. To understand the problem and discuss options the Forest Service arranged a meeting with the Snowmobile Club. The one alternative to having an unmaintainable area was to relocate the Snow Park this year to being East of FS 48, a smaller area, but one that ODOT can maintain that affords level access to Snow Park users from FS #48. The upper photo is the new Snow Park area ready for asphalt paving. Once paved concrete barriers will be installed along with user signs.



The second half of the 240 inch diameter pipe is now under construction and should be complete by this Friday. The lower photo taken this week shows how this pipe is constructed by using preformed metal plates bolted



together. Once all the zillion bolts are tight Tapani Underground will begin the laborous process of backfill, 6" at a time.

On a quick note, sanding material that is being produced at White River is on the move to stockpiles with a lot of trucks on the road. Please be alert for trucks leaving and entering from different sites. At Tamarack Quarry Tapani is shutting down operations for this year by installing erosion control and water bars.

Monday October 11th is Columbus Day a noted Holiday in the contract, but the contractor intends to work so expect week traffic controlled stops for truck traffic and haul trucks crossing Highway 35 Monday thru Friday, 7:00AM to 6:00 PM.

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