

Highway 35



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Well White River found a way to mess up the construction site this weekend. The information we have although not official indicates 1.16 inches of rain was dropped by this last storm. That rain funneled into White River triggering a debris flow of rock, sand and silt that inundated the new bridge construction site at White River. Where we once had two excavation pits around the new pier locations we could only see the top 2 inches of the steel at Pier #1 and the lower portion of the steel forms at Pier #2 buried. It also completely filled in the 100" diversion pipe culvert, leveled and displaced most everything connected with the stream diversion. Along with filling the site several de-watering pumps were either lost in the debris or in one case an engine filled with sand. The upper photo was taken Tuesday and if you look close you can see the 100" culvert full of rock with the stream flowing along its length. White River is running swift and because of new channels both above and below the highway bridge White River is running heavy with silt and rocks the size of basketballs. Even on Wednesday the river was choked with moving silt.



The lower photo taken Wednesday has Tapani construction starting to dig out and restore their work sites. Wednesday they managed after hours of excavation and having to cut open the culvert with a cutting torch to unload the debris from the culvert and remove what once was a culvert and now was just a sheet of bent steel.

Next week they will be working on Pier 1 wall forming and continue with backfilling around the 240" culvert. At Tamarack Quarry, the only activity seen is another contractor possibly hauling rock and not connected to this project.

With haul trucks moving material to back fill the 240" culvert and highway dump trucks moving sanding rock traffic will be impacted with brief stops Monday thru Friday, 7:00AM to 6:00 PM.



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