

Highway 35



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Now that is a great photo to the left. It has little to do with photo quality rather it is the start of paving the first lift on Highway 35 in the Clark Newton section. Worth noting, is the tester pulling an old sign used to acquire a sample from the road for quality testing. Pulling the sample at this location is assurance the sample represents and takes into account all the handling of that asphalt mix. The tester will then divide this layer of asphalt on that sign into four parts, two of which the contractor's lab will test and two by Federal Highway's lab. If the asphalt and compaction are

consistent and to specification, they receive a bonus, but if, it is inconsistent or out of specification, a deduction is applied. In either case, it all rides on testing.

At White River, photo below, it looks like a test track for snake racing from the way traffic wiggles through this section. Not only are they building the final few feet of subgrade getting ready for rock, we have both a utility conduit to install and fiber optic phone line to bury. The goal is to have this ready for asphalt pavement the first of next week. **We will have the FS Road 48 open to traffic no later than Tuesday evening.**

Because of an asphalt plant problem that cost a day of paving this week the plant will be working Saturday, so plan on trucks traveling in and out of Trillium. Next week the project will be shut down for Wednesday July 4th, but will be hard at it Thursday morning. Traffic will be on the new highway perhaps on Monday in the Clark Newton section. Removal of the detour will begin on Tuesday. Next week expect maximum traffic delays at White River due to paving that area. If all goes well this is the end of 24 hour flagging at White River. At Clark Newton expect flaggers for truck traffic.



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