



New Mexico DEPARTMENT OF  
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**Traffic Alert Update**  
**Chip seal operations continue in Grant Co.**  
*Motorists should expect roadway closures.*

SILVER CITY- The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District One along with Highland Enterprise Inc. (Contractor) will be continuing a maintenance operation project to place “chip seal” pavement on NM 15 and NM 35 and finalize the placement on NM 152 in Grant County. The chip seal process is a surface treatment that is placed on the existing pavement. It is designed to seal out moisture and create a more durable surface extending the longevity of the roadway.

Crews began placement on NM 15 from milepost 12 to 13 in the northbound lane, due to unforeseen circumstances with the contractor’s equipment NM 15 will be reopened. Currently the roadway process is curing, and the gravel cannot be removed until the process is complete. In the one mile stretch please use extreme caution and reduce speeds, loose gravel and no center lane stripping will be present in construction zone.

**NM 15 will be reclosed starting Monday, June 3rd** from milepost 10 (Ben Lilly) to milepost 25 (NM 15/NM 35 intersection). NM 15 traffic will need to detour utilizing NM 152 and NM 35 to access the Gila Hot Springs and Gila Cliff Dwellings. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures, and reduced speeds in the work zone, please expect minor delays. Working hours will be seven days a week from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Use caution for workers and equipment in the area. Loose gravel and no center lane stripping will be present in construction zones.

Over the weekend crews will continue working on NM 152 removing access gravel and fog sealing. A flagging and pilot car operation will be in place. Wait times are estimated at 30 minutes.

The NMDOT is committed to the safety of the traveling public and thanks you for your cooperation during this work. For updated information go to [www.nmroads.com](http://www.nmroads.com) or call 511.

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