



New Emerald Mountain Communications Site Project Brings Heavy Equipment & Increased Traffic to Blackmer Trail

Project Runs All-Day Monday & Tuesday, July 29-30

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-July 25, 2019-A new communications site atop Emerald Mountain is moving closer to life when crews deliver the communications shelter structure and back-up generator to the site early next week.

As part of this phase of the project, several rolling closures and safety escorts will be encountered on Blackmer Trail throughout the entire day on both Monday, July 29, and Tuesday, July 30. In addition, heavy construction machinery, including a large crane and loader, and increased vehicle traffic will also occur.

United Tower Service, the general contractor, will be smoothing some portions of Blackmer Drive in preparation for delivery of materials on Monday. The next day, the 12' x 24' communications shelter structure along with other equipment will be shepherded up the mountain.

The city recommends considering recreation in other locations or to be aware of the increased work in this area. When in this area, the public should expect to encounter heavy machinery at any time and respect closures and temporary detours. When encountering approaching vehicles and equipment, please use caution and move off the road until the vehicles have safely passed.

Once this portion of the project is complete, vehicle travel up and down Blackmer will dramatically decrease. However, the site will see another round of increased traffic during the week of August 12, when multiple vendors will be working to install and move electronics equipment to the site.

United Tower Services will install a new communications tower, shelter, backup generator, security fencing, and other site improvements on Emerald Mountain. This project is a joint venture project between Yampa Valley Electric Association, the City of Steamboat Springs and Routt County.

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