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### **Reconstruction of Convict Lake Road Will Improve Safety and Access *Plan for Delays***

Major reconstruction of the Convict Lake Road is planned for the summer of 2015.

Mono County has requested the funding and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead agency for this project. The entire roadway will be reconstructed from the intersection with Highway 395 to the day-use parking area at the end of the road on the east side of the lake. The roadway will be widened in some spots in order to provide a consistent pavement width and a paved shoulder. A bicycle lane will be provided on the uphill side. The road will be repaved, striped, and new regulatory and warning signs will be installed at the completion of the project.

The paved path around the east side of the lake will also be reconstructed. This project will also be overseen by FHWA. The Inyo National Forest has arranged for this project to be completed with the same contractor during the same time period as the road project. The result will be a fully accessible paved path with hardened access points down to the lake edge.

The Convict Lake Road provides access to one of the premier scenic front country lakes on the east side and is noted for its exceptional scenery. A campground and resort with cabins along the road are part of the recreational attraction and Convict Lake is a popular destination for fishing. There are several wilderness trailheads that start at Convict Lake as well.

It is anticipated that the work will begin in the early summer; weather dependent. Construction is expected to last for approximately three months during the 2015 season. While the road will remain open to traffic throughout the project, visitors may experience delays of up to 30 minutes. Additionally, at certain times, the road may need to be closed for longer periods of time, Monday through Friday. These closures will be planned approximately two weeks in advance so that recreationalists can plan their visit. Parking areas may be limited at times while construction work is completed.

Construction will be suspended for Memorial Day weekend, the Independence Day holiday, and Labor Day weekend.