

State Route 89A Improvements near Oak Creek Village Work Scheduled for Summer 2014

OVERVIEW

The Arizona Department of Transportation will begin making improvements to SR 89A located through the Oak Creek Canyon switchbacks within the Coconino National Forest in summer 2014.

The work will include milling the existing asphalt and repaving from milepost 386.60 to 390.07, replacing and improving guardrail, deck repairs to the Pumphouse Wash bridge and “rock scaling,” or rock fall mitigation.

WHAT TO EXPECT

In order to complete the work in a safe and timely manner, SR 89A will be closed up to five weeks to all traffic, except emergency vehicles, between Pine Flat Campground and Oak Creek Vista overlook between Memorial Day and Fourth of July 2014.

In addition to the full closure, there will be other lane restrictions needed, including single-lane closures for work the entire time of the project.

A single-lane restriction will be maintained at either end of the full closure to allow access to both the Pine Flats campground on the southern end and the Oak Creek Vista overlook at the northern end. Drivers must turnaround at the closure points, at the campground or overlook, at either end. DPS will be on-site around-the-clock.

Emergency vehicles will have access through the work zone to reach residential, recreational and business areas.

Signage and message boards will be used in advance of the closure to ensure traffic is properly detoured via SR 179 to I-17.

