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What is a Road Closure?

Mountain roads in Inyo County are closed during the month of November and re-open (weather permitting) by May 1st. Seasonal road closures are required due to weather-related hazardous conditions including rock and mud slides, heavy snow, and flood risks. While some mountain roads are equipped with gates that physically block vehicle access, other roads rely on signage to inform the public.

“Although we are nearing the end of road closure season, there have been several common questions that the public has asked for clarification on,” stated Inyo County Road Superintendent Chris Cash. “It is our hope that by providing some clarification, both our residents and our visitors are better informed and ultimately safer.”

District Five Supervisor Matt Kingsley agrees, “Road closures are in place for your safety. Responsible outdoor recreation begins with each of us; and whether it is a posted sign or a closed gate, please be respectful and remember that putting yourself at risk ultimately places others at risk.”

➤ **What is a road closure?**

A road closure is meant to block vehicular traffic; this includes all motorized vehicles (ATVs, motorcycles, cars).

➤ **Can I walk, ride a bike, or ski past a road closure?**

If there is road construction or a road clearing operation there may be an additional sign posted stating “No Pedestrian Traffic”. If you see this sign you may not enter on foot, skis, or bicycle. If you do not see this sign you may walk, ski, or ride a bicycle at your own risk.

➤ **What could happen if I ignore a road closure?**

Ignoring a posted sign is an infraction and you may be cited under CA Vehicle Code 21461(a). Although it has not been common practice for the County of Inyo to enforce road closures, there has been a notable increase in vehicle traffic on closed Inyo County mountain roads. If you are inclined to recreate past a road closure please park safely below the closure and walk to your desired location.

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