

The Forest Service wants to give affected residents and stakeholders an early alert about the Lower East Brush Creek Culvert Replacement project, which is scheduled for next summer (Summer 2023). The Forest Service will be replacing a failing culvert located on East Brush Creek Road (NSFR 415.1) at approximately mile marker 3.0. East Brush Creek Road (NSFR 415.1) will be closed to all traffic from MP 2.5 to 4.1 from August 1 to September 1, 2023. The closure will require an alternate route to access the private land of Fulford, other private lands above Fulford, Yeoman and Fulford Campgrounds, the Peter Estin hut, and the surrounding recreational trail accesses in those areas. The recommended alternative route is to use the Eagle Thomasville Road (NSFR 400.1) and Hat Creek Road (NSFR 416.1). Please see the map below for more details on the road closure location and detour.

This project is part of an ongoing Forest Service program to replace aging and failing corrugated metal culverts with structures that are designed to handle peak stream flows and provide passage for fish and other aquatic animals. The new culverts, called an Aquatic Organism Passages (AOPs), are wider than a round culvert and have an open bottom allowing the stream channel to maintain its natural characteristics. This design, in turn, allows aquatic organisms to freely move up and down the stream channel. These new passages are also less likely to catch woody debris that can block a culvert and cause damaging flooding during periods of high water.

The Forest Service regrets any inconvenience these road closures may cause Forest and Sylvan Lake State Park visitors. The public is urged to exercise caution with traveling any road on the White River National Forest and to respect all road closures where construction activities are taking place.

Figure 1. Lower East Brush Creek Road Closure and Detour Route

