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**Custer Motorway Closed for Surface Improvement**

The Custer Motorway will be closed between the town site of Custer and Mill Creek summit while the road is under construction for surface improvement. The Forest Service has contracted Roadtech, Inc. to perform reclamation crushing of material within and adjacent to the roadway to provide a gravel surface on the road. The contractor has been working on the Yankee Fork road throughout the month of June and is now ready to start on the next section of the project beginning above Custer. The work involves using heavy construction equipment to retrieve rocks and berm material beside the road and mixing it with material scarified from the roadbed. Then a mobile rock crusher crushes the mixture into gravel which is spread to surface the road. Equipment working ahead of the crusher makes the road impassible until the material is crushed and spread into its final position. As work proceeds toward Mill Creek summit, completed sections of road will be opened to public travel. Expect work and the closure to be in effect throughout July into early August.

The Yankee Fork dredge museum, the Custer museum, and camping can still be accessed from the Yankee Fork road at Sunbeam off Highway 75. The closure of the Custer Motorway will not interrupt activities planned for Custer Days on the weekend of July 11.