

(Cooke City/Silver Gate Notice) Northeast Entrance Road update and residential use of the OGR starts Oct 15

As most of you know, the Northeast Entrance Road will reopen to public travel on October 15 as scheduled. The Old Gardiner Road (OGR) will be ready for public travel no later than November 1. Realizing that individuals often need access to services in Gardiner, MT and surrounding communities, the park will allow for Cooke City/Silver Gate residents to conduct personal travel over the Old Gardiner Road (OGR) during the restricted travel window times.

Prior to using the OGR travel windows, individuals should review the following information:

- **Residents must have a current/valid Cooke City Residential sticker**
 - If a resident does not have a valid sticker or needs to obtain one, please contact Visitor Services and receive instructions by calling (307) 344-2107.
 - Blue square decals are expired and will not permit your entry into the park. Residents with blue decals should be prepared to show paperwork to renew their decal at the Northeast or North Entrance. Both locations will have the new decals.
- **Seasonal Cooke City employees must have a current/valid Seasonal Employee card.**
 - If an employee does not have a valid seasonal employee card or needs to obtain one, please contact Visitor Services and receive instructions by calling (307) 344-2107.
- **Accessing the OGR:** Convoy times on the OGR are strictly enforced. Vehicles that show up late to a travel window are denied entry and not allowed entry until the next convoy window. It is your responsibility to plan accordingly and to arrive early.

October 15-November 1	
Morning Schedule	
5:00 AM to 6:15 AM	Gardiner to Mammoth
6:45 AM to 7:00 AM	Mammoth to Gardiner
7:15 AM to 7:35 AM	Gardiner to Mammoth
Afternoon Schedule (Starts October 16)	
12:30 PM to 12:45 PM	Mammoth to Gardiner
Evening Schedule	
5:00 PM to 5:15 PM	Mammoth to Gardiner
5:30 PM to 5:45 PM	Gardiner to Mammoth

- During active construction there are restrictions to vehicle length (38 ft max) and towing.
- View the complete list of restrictions and safety measures in the attached flyer. (See other side)

Additional Park road updates

- **Roadway paving:** The Northeast Entrance Road will be paved by October 15, except for a short section of road near Trout Lake. Traffic will be permitted on this segment of road while construction occurs. Anticipate traffic control and/or flaggers in the area. This section will be paved in the upcoming weeks.
- **Plowing “the plug”:** The park will work with Wyoming to keep the road between Cooke City and Highway 296 (aka “the plug”) open and accessible to residents and regular vehicle traffic until the OGR opens. The anticipated opening is no later than November 1. Once the OGR is open, plowing the plug will stop.



Driving the Old Gardiner Road

Keep your eyes on the road



Avoid distractions



Follow the traffic pattern



Obey the speed limit



Travel only during approved times



No vehicles over 38 feet in length



NO STOPPING



No trailers or towed objects



No pedal bicycles



No foot traffic



No stock



POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS



Anticipate hazards:

- steep slopes
- sharp corners
- blind corners
- narrow roadway
- dusty or muddy conditions
- soft road shoulders

This is an active road construction site. Expect:

- large equipment
- minimal signs, markings, traffic control devices, etc.

Be alert for emergency vehicle traffic.

If encountered, stop your vehicle and assess the roadway for a safe location to pull over.

AUTHORIZED VEHICLES ONLY

Minimize traffic and travel as much as possible.

Carpool, shuttle, utilize delivery services, and coordinate with others.

Road subject to closure if unsafe conditions arise.