

Road Report

Closures and traffic changes this week in Bend

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- Portland Avenue between NW First Street and NW Steidl Road for a water service installation, single lane closure with flagging, through Tuesday.
- SW Bluff Drive between SW Bond Street and SW Wilson Avenue for infrastructure installation, full road closure with local access, through Tuesday.
- Pettigrew Road between Pinehaven Avenue and Woodhaven Avenue for stripping, lane closure with flagging, Tuesday.

Ongoing closures:

- Wilson Corridor Improvements Project – Street improvements on Wilson Avenue from Second Street to 15th Street. For more information visit the Wilson Project website. This is a multiphase project with various intersections and road closures throughout its entirety.
- Newport Corridor Improvements Project – Various intersections along Newport Avenue to be closed due to removal and replacement of underground utilities. Road closures related to the project listed below. For more information, visit Newport Corridor Improvements Project webpage. Various closures through Spring 2023.
- The Newport Avenue corridor is temporarily open to two-way traffic until early January 2023. Construction crews will still be performing shoulder work, so please use caution while navigating the corridor and be alert for lane shifts.

- Brosterhus Road between SE Orchard Grass Place and Windsor Drive for infrastructure installations, full road closure with detour (Pedestrian and bike access), through late December.
- Deschutes Market Road between Yeoman Road and Monticello Drive for Frontage improvements for Solis at Petrosa, northbound lane closure with detour.
- ODOT Third Street Improvements – Infrastructure improvements along Third Street from Butler Market Road to Greenwood Avenue. Various types of traffic control will be implemented during construction. Expected to be completed at the end of summer 2023. Street sections affected listed below.
- Single-lane closures in the Northbound and Southbound lanes on Third Street Between Greenwood Avenue and NE Olney Avenue.
- Butler Market to Mervin Sampels southbound slow lane closure
- Intersection of Greenwood Avenue and Third Street, lane closures in place Sunday — Thursday nights, 7 p.m.-7 a.m. Expect Delays.

Future road closures

- NW Crossing Drive between NW John Freemont Street and NW Mt. Washington Drive for the NWX Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, full road closure with detour Dec. 1.
- Stevens Road between SE 27th Street and Ward Road for sewer main installation, full road closure with detour, Nov. 28-Dec. 23.



Jacob W. Frank/National Park Service via AP, file

This Nov. 7, 2017 file photo, provided by the National Park Service, shows a gray wolf in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

Judge revives limits on wolf killing near Yellowstone park

BY MATTHEW BROWN
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BILLINGS, Mont. — A Montana judge has temporarily restricted wolf hunting and trapping near Yellowstone and Glacier national parks and imposed tighter statewide limits on killing the predators, over concerns that looser hunting rules adopted last year in the Republican-controlled state could harm their population.

State officials authorized the killing of 450 wolves during the winter of 2021-22, but ended up shutting down hunting near Yellowstone National Park after 23 wolves from the park were killed, most of them in Montana.

Conservation groups last month sued over 2021 laws passed by the Legislature that were intended to curb gray wolf numbers by making it easier to kill them. The laws allowed the use of snares, which some consider inhumane, and led to rules that allow individuals to kill up to 20 wolves each — 10 from hunting and 10 from trapping. Attorneys for WildEarth Guardians and Project Coyote argued that rules in place for this winter would hurt wolf populations and interfere with management of the animals on federal lands such as Yellowstone, where hunting is not allowed.

State District Court Judge Christopher Abbott on Tuesday ordered Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks to return to a limit of five wolves killed per person. He also blocked the use of snares when trapping season begins on Nov. 28, and re-imposed sharp limits on hunting and trapping near the national parks.

The order is due to expire Nov. 29, but Abbott set a hearing on the matter for Nov. 28 in Lewis and Clark County.

“This is a promising step in the right direction, and we will continue using all means necessary to end the senseless, politically motivated slaughter of Montana’s beloved wolves,” said Lizzy Pennock, of WildEarth Guardians.

Montana wildlife officials said the changes ordered by Abbott would take effect immediately.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Director Hank Worsch said in a statement that the state has “proven we can manage wolves.”

“We will comply with the judge’s order and look forward to the opportunity to defend good science and management strategies,” he said.

Gov. Greg Gianforte criticized the ruling in a social media post, saying the judge “overstepped his bounds to align with extreme activists.”

Gianforte trapped and killed a radio-collared wolf from Yellowstone last year on private land near the park. He was later given a warning for violating state hunting rules by killing the wolf without first taking a mandatory trapper education course.

A total of 273 wolves were reported killed in Montana last winter, out of a population of about 1,100 wolves. This year, the state authorized the killing of up to 456, including six north of Yellowstone park. Abbott’s order reduces that to two wolves outside the park.

As of Wednesday, hunters had killed 56 wolves since the season opened in September. The judge said he wanted to prevent an “acceleration” of wolf kills as trapping season opens. But he rejected a request by the conservation groups to halt all wolf hunting and trapping.

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tivity can proceed without severe impacts on wolf populations at least long enough to afford the state an opportunity to be heard,” Abbott wrote.

Wolves were exterminated in most of the U.S. by the 1930s under government-sponsored poisoning and trapping campaigns. They were reintroduced from Canada into the northern U.S. Rockies in the 1990s and have rebounded in areas of the Great Lakes.

Wilderness areas in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming have become strongholds for wolf populations and wolves were taken off the federal endan-

gered species list in the region in 2011. That’s helped fuel the species’ expansion in recent years into parts of Oregon, Washington state and California.

Montana and Idaho loosened their wolf hunting rules at the urging of hunters and ranchers who wanted fewer wolves on the landscape.

Advocates last year petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore endangered protections for wolves in the Western U.S. The Biden administration said in a preliminary finding last September that protections for wolves may need to be restored because new laws in Idaho and Montana posed a potential threat to wolves across the region.

ON THE AIR

MONDAY

BASKETBALL

Women’s College, Battle 4 Atlantis Championship. 9 a.m. ESPN2
Men’s College, Northern Iowa vs San Francisco. 9:30 a.m. CBSSN
Men’s College, Texas Tech vs Creighton. 11:30 a.m. ESPN2
Women’s College, Battle 4 Atlantis Consolation. 11:30 a.m. ESPNU
Men’s College, Wichita State vs Grand Canyon. noon CBSSN
Men’s College, Louisville vs Arkansas. 2 p.m. ESPN2
Men’s College, Alabama-Birmingham vs South Florida. 3 p.m. CBSSN
Men’s College, Georgia Tech vs Utah. 3 p.m. FS1
Men’s College, Syracuse vs Richmond. 4 p.m. ESPN2
Men’s College, Omaha at Iowa. 5 p.m. BIG10
NBA, Portland at Milwaukee. 5 p.m. ROOT, ROOT+
NBA, Golden State at New Orleans. 5 p.m. NBATV
Men’s College, Georgia vs Saint Joseph’s. 5:30 p.m. CBSSN
Men’s College, Mississippi State vs Marquette. 5:30 p.m. FS1
Men’s College, Ohio State vs San Diego State. 6 p.m. ESPN2
Men’s College, St. John’s vs Temple. 6:30 p.m. ESPNU
Men’s College, Texas State at California. 7 p.m. PAC12
Men’s College, California Baptist vs Minnesota. 7:30 p.m. CBSSN
NBA, Utah at LA Clippers. 7:30 p.m. NBATV
Men’s College, Cincinnati vs Arizona. 8:30 p.m. ESPN2
Men’s College, Southern Illinois vs UNLV. 10 p.m. CBSSN

FOOTBALL

NFL, San Francisco vs Arizona. 5 p.m. ESPN

SOCCER

World Cup, England vs Iran. 5 a.m. FS1
World Cup, Senegal vs Netherlands. 8 a.m. FOX
World Cup, United States vs Wales. 11 a.m. FOX
World Cup, Argentina vs Saudi Arabia. 2 a.m. (Tue) FS1

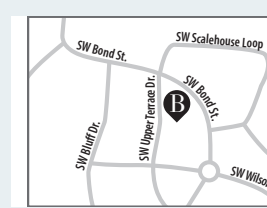
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