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Public Information Bulletin

**SNAKE RIVER CANYON HIGHWAY, U.S. HIGHWAY 26 & 89,
WILL OPEN FOR MORNING COMMUTER HOURS MONDAY A.M.
REMAINS CLOSED OTHERWISE DUE TO FOREST FIRE**

SNAKE RIVER CANYON, NORTHWEST, WYOMING - The Wyoming Department of Transportation will be **opening** U.S. Highway 26 & 89 in the Snake River Canyon, between Hoback Junction and Alpine, for morning commuter hours **ONLY**, tomorrow, **July 14**. The highway will be opened to northbound traffic **only**, from 5:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. and will reclose again after that. **The highway will not be opened to southbound traffic at that time.** WYDOT authorities expect the highway will remain closed **until 8:00 p.m. Monday, July 14**, when WYDOT hopes to reopen the road to all traffic. This opening time is subject to change because of variable conditions present in the canyon because of a forest fire.

There will be no highway opening for the usual evening commuter traffic through the Snake River Canyon. The earliest expected time of the highway reopening is 8:00 p.m.

Travelers may access Jackson Hole and vicinity, by a number of other routes, including Teton Pass, Wyoming Highway 22. Commercial traffic need to check will appropriate Ports of Entry for further information. The canyon highway has been closed since the afternoon of Saturday, July 12, because of a forest fire and heavy smoke in the East Table area of the canyon.

Motorists may listen to current Snake River Canyon highway information from WYDOT's Highway Advisory Radio, located at 1610 AM on the radio dial at the entrances of the Snake River Canyon, near the communities of Hoback Junction, and Alpine, Wyo. Information is also being posted on WYDOT's Web page, <http://wyoroad.info>. Additionally, current information is being provided to area media.