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UPDATE: ITD highway construction suspended statewide for Fourth of July holiday

BOISE - Work that could impact travel will be suspended on all Idaho Transportation Department highway construction projects statewide **July 3-5** for the Fourth of July holiday, except in special circumstances.

Because the holiday is followed immediately by the weekend, ITD expects that work on most projects will not resume until the **Monday (July 8)** following the holiday.

ITD requires contractors on highway construction projects to postpone work on any highway, except for normal maintenance operations, during the extended holiday weekend if it could delay the traveling public. Work is allowed on the highway shoulders or anywhere else not impacting traffic.

Some of those extremely rare conditions in which work may continue are:

- If crews are not working on a roadway open to the public;

- If the road is already closed and all traffic is using a designated detour;

- In an emergency situation (like flooding) where the roadway has been damaged and requires repair; or

- On roads with very low traffic volumes.

"Contractors have no interest in working over the holiday, just like most of us," said ITD Chief Engineer Tom Cole. "Most would take these days off anyway, even if it was not required."

ITD also reminds drivers not to drink and drive, to buckle up, follow the posted speed limit and call 5-1-1 or check 511.idaho.gov for highway travel conditions.