



*Idaho 33 in eastern Idaho (District 6).*

## Idaho 33

Idaho 33 runs between Butte City and Wyoming across the Snake River Plain into Teton Valley before dropping south to Driggs and Victor and then southeast to Wyoming near Teton Pass (elev. 8,431 ft.). District 6 manages the 140-mile stretch as two corridors (sections of highway).

### East Idaho Loop

The first corridor is the East Idaho Loop, starting at the junction of Idaho 33 and U.S. 20/26 east of Butte City and running 78 miles northeast-east to U.S. 20 in Rexburg. The route includes five bridges.

Average daily traffic of Idaho 33 between U.S. 20/26 and Howe is 670 vehicles, dropping to 320 vehicles between Idaho 22 and INL Road east of Howe. Average daily traffic is 660 vehicles east of INL Road, increasing to 1,700 vehicles east of Idaho 28 near Mud Lake.

Average daily traffic increases to 2,600 vehicles between Mud Lake and Rexburg, where average daily traffic jumps to 15,000 vehicles. ITD expects traffic volume in the rural areas to remain constant and in the Rexburg area to continue its upward trend.

Fatal crashes on the mostly two-lane route, which is in good condition, average one per year, with the speed limit 65 mph.

### **U.S. 20 to Wyoming Line**

The second corridor is the 62-mile stretch (milepost 78 to 79, 334 to 340, and 100 to 155) between the Rexburg interchange (overpass) of U.S. 20 in Rexburg and the Wyoming line. It runs east-northeast to Teton Valley and south-southeast to Wyoming. District 6 divides the corridor into one loop and six segments:

*Rexburg-Sugar City Business Loop.* Rexburg overpass to stoplight on Idaho 33 north of Sugar City (milepost 78 to 79 and 334 to 340).

*Segment 1.* Stoplight north of Sugar City to Newdale (milepost 100 to 106).

*Segment 2.* Newdale to Idaho 32 west of Tetonia (milepost 106 to 131).

*Segment 3.* Idaho 32 to Pack Saddle Road (4000 North) (milepost 131 to 137).

*Segment 4.* Pack Saddle Road to Darby Canyon Road (300 South) (milepost 137 to 144).

*Segment 5.* Darby Canyon Road to Teton Pass message sign (milepost 144 to 150).

*Segment 6.* Teton Pass message sign to Wyoming line (milepost 150 to 155).

The highway has 21 bridges, with the speed limit along the route 25 to 65 mph.

Average daily traffic on 2nd East, which is the busiest stretch of the Rexburg-Sugar City business loop, is 23,000 vehicles, decreasing to 2,900 vehicles in Sugar City.

Average daily traffic at the stoplight north of Sugar City is 4,000 vehicles, decreasing to 2,900 vehicles in Teton and to 2,100 vehicles in Newdale. Average daily traffic increases to 7,000 vehicles in Driggs but decreases to 4,400 vehicles at the Wyoming line.

Winter storms frequently close segment 2 east of Newdale. Fatal crashes on the second corridor average two per year, with incidences highest in segment 2.

ITD expects traffic volume gradually to increase, especially in Rexburg. The second corridor, which also is in good condition, is mostly two lanes, except for four lanes in Rexburg.

Idaho 33 has two weather information stations to collect data on road conditions (click “Cameras” at <http://lb.511.idaho.gov/idlb/cameras/routeselect.jsf;jsessionid=70D4821415F131B6D95A0329622B8F1F?view=state&text=m&textOnly=false>).