



*I-15 corridor in eastern Idaho (District 6).*

## Interstate 15

Interstate 15 is the main north-south artery of Idaho, carrying traffic between Utah and Montana through eastern Idaho. The 84-mile stretch in District 6 begins at the Bingham-Bonneville County line (milepost 112) south of Idaho Falls and runs through flatlands to foothills and mountains near the Montana line.

The stretch of I-15 has 76 bridges, 13 of which are interchanges (overpasses). Average daily traffic is 21,500 vehicles in Idaho Falls, decreasing to 3,000 vehicles by Montana. Constructed in the mid-1960s through early 1990s and well maintained, the four-lane divided highway is in good condition.

Dust and snow storms occasionally close the 75 mph route. Fatal crashes average two per year, with the highest incidence along a three-mile stretch near Montana. Installation of rumble strips, which are raised or grooved patterns placed primarily along paved shoulders as a safety feature, has greatly reduced fatalities caused by motorists falling asleep at the wheel.

A gateway Port of Entry at Sage Junction north of Idaho Falls processes 2,000 trucks per day, with the busiest times spring and fall as farm trucks join long-haul rigs. ITD expects traffic volume on the freeway to increase, continuing its upward trend.

A newly reconstructed rest area at Dubois is upgraded to gateway status, boasting a visitor's center, additional parking for trucks and RVs, handicapped ramps from the parking lots, and a helipad, not to mention private restrooms for families and people with disabilities, security cameras, and picnic areas.

The corridor has six road weather information stations that collect pavement data (click "Cameras" at

<http://lb.511.idaho.gov/idlb/cameras/routeselect.jsf;jsessionid=70D4821415F131B6D95A0329622B8F1F?view=state&text=m&textOnly=false>).

The 13 interchanges of the I-15 corridor are South (Exit 113), Sunnyside (Exit 116), Broadway (Exit 118), U.S. 20 (Exit 119), Osgood (Exit 128), Roberts (Exit 135), Sage Junction (Exit 143), Hamer (Exit 150), Dubois (Exit 167), Sheep Station (Exit 172), Spencer (Exit 180), Stoddard Creek (Exit 184) and Humphrey (Exit 190).

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