

COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY 72

As both the Colorado Department of Transportation and private owners begin to repair the significant damage to public and private property after the historic floods in Coal Creek Canyon, there are several important things you need to know. Throughout this effort, CDOT and our local and federal partners are committed to working with you to rebuild as quickly and as collaboratively as possible.

What are the state's responsibilities?

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is responsible for design, construction and maintenance of state roads such as State Highway 72 that serve the general public. CDOT also authorizes permits to individual property owners to access state roads as part of its role to protect the safety of the traveling public.

What are my responsibilities as a property owner?

Individual property owners are usually responsible to construct their own individual accesses. In rural or mountain areas like Coal Creek Canyon with features like rock outcroppings, irrigation ditches, creeks or other types of drainage, private access often includes extended driveways with bridge structures and integrated drainage facilities. Such complex private access drives often require design and construction oversight by a qualified, licensed engineer.

Where do I start?

In order to access a state highway, you must obtain an Access Permit from CDOT. Similarly, to ensure that such accesses are designed and constructed properly, Jefferson County requires that permits be obtained as a pre-requisite to constructing an access to private property, especially if that access crosses Coal Creek. In the case of SH72 where the most significant flood damage occurred, permits can be obtained from Jefferson County. Permits can be obtained by contacting:

Jefferson County

Pat O'Connell
303-271-8707
poconnel@jeffco.us

Colorado Department of Transportation

Marilyn Cross
303-514-4266
marilyn.cross@state.co.us

Link to CDOT Access Permit Application: <http://www.coloradodot.info/library/forms/cdot0137.pdf>

Individual property owners must obtain access permits from CDOT and permits from the county before beginning

Can I rebuild exactly what I had before?

A significant factor contributing to the extent of damage and debris was existing accesses only accommodated modest drainage from relatively insignificant storm events. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public, CDOT and Jefferson County are reevaluating their engineering requirements to ensure that the replacement accesses will be designed and constructed to withstand significantly higher drainage from more significant storm events.

CDOT and Jefferson County are coordinating a hydrology study to determine the updated engineering requirements for replacement accesses, both for County construction permits and CDOT access permits. CDOT and the County are working on an expedited basis to determine and implement such requirements.

Applicants for permits will be notified of the new drainage requirements during the application process.

Do I qualify for financial assistance to pay for the repairs?

If you have flood insurance, contact your insurance agent to make arrangements to help fund the design and construction of your new access.

If an impacted property owner does not have flood insurance, FEMA programs may provide financial assistance to help defray or finance some of the costs.

To apply for FEMA benefits, click: www.disasterassistance.gov

For more information on the benefits available to individuals, click:

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/media/factsheets/2011/dad_asst_indv_households.pdf

For additional disaster recovery resources prepared by Jefferson County, click:

<http://jeffco.us/disaster-recovery/>

Who can reconstruct my access?

Landowners can retain any contractor it desires to reconstruct damaged driveways. Again, please note that contractors cannot construct a private access until you have obtained a CDOT access permit and applicable Jefferson County permits for the access and crossing of Coal Creek.

How can my contractor access my property?

Lawrence Construction Company has already mobilized and is working to reconstruct SH 72 in Coal Creek Canyon through December 2013. In order to expedite construction and protect the safety of construction crews, private contractor access to the SH 72 may be limited to certain times of day. To coordinate construction of accesses with Lawrence Construction Company's reconstruction of SH 72, please contact the following Lawrence Construction Company representative:

Jose Castillo
303-791-5642

jcastillo@lawrence-construction.com

You might be eligible for FEMA assistance to support repairs not covered by insurance such as: entrance and exits ways to homes including privately owned access roads.

Private contractor and property owner access to SH 72 may be limited to specific times in order to expedite roadway construction.