



MEDIA ADVISORY

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LEAVE EARLY OR STAY LATE

Mountain Pass – As part of the active Interstate 15 Truck Descending Lane Project, the California Department of Transportation in coordination with the California Highway Patrol, the Nevada Department of Transportation and the Nevada Highway Patrol will be closing southbound Interstate 15 at the California/Nevada border on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 and Wednesday, December 17, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This 4-hour closure of the southbound direction of the interstate will allow for safe blasting and removal of earth material necessary to accommodate the widening associated with this project. Northbound travelers will experience minimal delays (approximately 15 minutes) during the initial part of these closures. Motorists are advised to plan ahead and avoid traveling southbound through the Mountain Pass area during those hours. Beginning mid-January 2009, this closure method will be in place **EVERY WEDNESDAY** (weather permitting) until earth removal is complete.

Traffic from southbound Interstate 15 electing to come to the area will be diverted off the freeway at Primm, Nevada until the work activity is complete. Various services, including gas and food, are available at this location.

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