



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Portion of G Road Closed for Culvert Replacement**

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Mesa County Road and Bridge Department expect G Road, between 34 and 35 roads, to remain closed while crews work to replace a 66-inch corrugated metal pipe culvert that failed near 3466 G Road in the Palisade area yesterday afternoon.

For safety reasons, the irrigation water to the culvert has been shut off. While repairs are underway, this may cause some residents to have low water pressure or possibly be without irrigation water. The damaged culvert is part of the Price Ditch — the main conveyance vessel for the Palisade Irrigation District. Approximately 8,000 customers will be affected by this outage, according to the Palisade Irrigation District.

"Our crews and contractor will work as expeditiously as possible to replace the culvert. Our goal is to have customers back in service and the road safely repaired." Public Works Director Pete Baier said.

A detour will be in place rerouting traffic from G Road to F  $\frac{3}{4}$  Road between 34 and 35 roads until the culvert replacement is complete. The project is weather-dependent. The road is expected to reopen the first week in May. Arrow boards and signs will be in place to alert motorists of the upcoming work zone and restrictions.

"The project consists of an open-cut excavation approximately 8-feet deep across G Road and 34 Road where the existing deteriorated 66-inch culvert will be removed and replaced with a 72-inch reinforced concrete pipe," Baier added.

For the safety of the construction crew, motorists should remain alert, reduce their speed and watch for stopped traffic while passing through the work zone.

Damage to the culvert was a result of a vehicle accidentally driving over and crushing the aging corrugated metal culvert.

For additional information on this road closure, please contact Road Supervisor Rudy Bevan at 970-250-5311 or rudy.bevan@mesacounty.us.

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