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## US Highway 34 Construction Communications

Over the coming months, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will begin reconstructing US Highway 34 in the Big Thompson Canyon between the Dam Store and Estes Park. This stretch is the main traffic connection between Loveland and Estes Park/Rocky Mountain National Park.

There has been some misunderstanding and confusion about when that construction will begin and what the impacts will be on travelers over the summer and fall of 2016. These documents hope to clear up any confusion and to provide resources for those working with travelers to the Northern Colorado region during this time.

This page is meant to provide you with information to share verbally or to paste in written communication (website, social media, newsletters, etc.) and the second page can be printed out and provided directly to guests, posted at front desks, in visitor centers, etc.

Please contact Visit Estes Park with any questions or concerns on the information here. We continue to monitor public conversations and media for negative or misleading information, and we would appreciate you sharing anything of note that you encounter, as well.

Additional information will be provided regarding fall and winter travel as we get nearer to the next phase of construction.

Thank you for your assistance in getting this information out and for taking care of our Northern Colorado guests!

### Key Information Points Regarding Summer Travel to Estes Park & Rocky Mountain National Park

- **US Highway 34 from Loveland to Estes Park will remain open through the summer of 2016 and into October.**
- Some pre-construction work will begin in August, sometimes causing short-term delays.
- Major construction and the associated closure of the highway to through traffic will begin in October, after the first weekend in October. The exact date has not yet been released. Additional details [on this closure](#) and the [construction project](#) can be found on CDOT's website.
  - The additional travel time for the detour route via U.S. 36 through Lyons during the winter closure is very minimal:
    - Only 11 additional minutes from central Loveland.
    - Only 14 additional minutes from I-25 east of Loveland.
- While this is a major reconstruction project, we have confidence that CDOT and Kiewit Construction will efficiently manage this work and reopen the highway as quickly as possible.

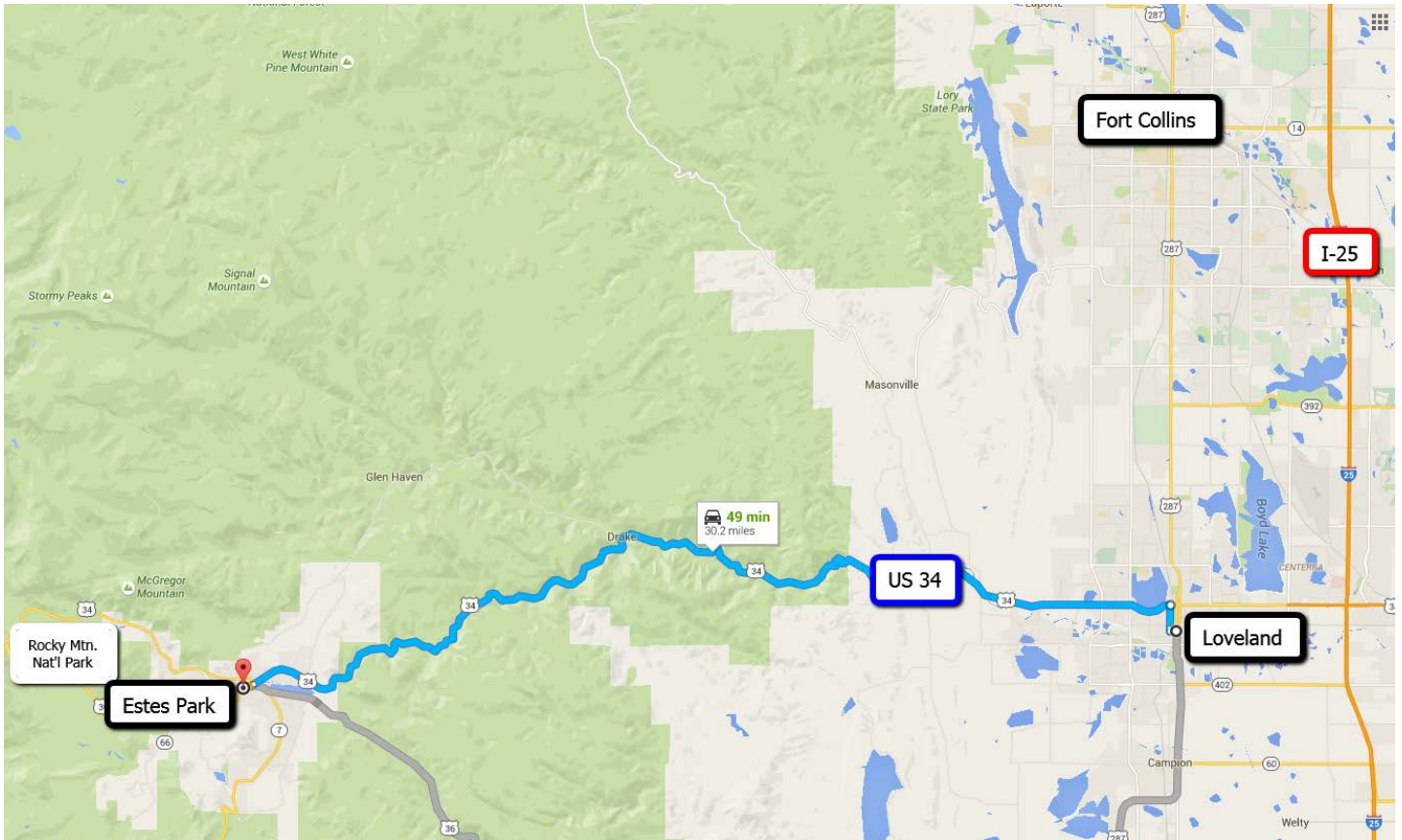
Visit Estes Park will continue to monitor public conversations around this topic on social media and through guest interactions. We will work continuously throughout the construction process to correct any misconceptions and counter negative press. If you encounter erroneous, negative or concerning comments or information, please send it to Brooke at [BBurnham@VisitEstesPark.com](mailto:BBurnham@VisitEstesPark.com).



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## SUMMER TRAVEL INFORMATION TO ESTES PARK & ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

US Highway 34 from Loveland & Interstate 25 to Estes Park & Rocky Mountain National Park will remain open through the summer of 2016.



Road construction and major closures will not begin until after the first weekend of October (specific date has not yet been set).

Travelers on the highway from August to October may encounter short delays associated with early project work.

Find more information on traveling to Estes Park at [VisitEstesPark.com/Travel](http://VisitEstesPark.com/Travel).