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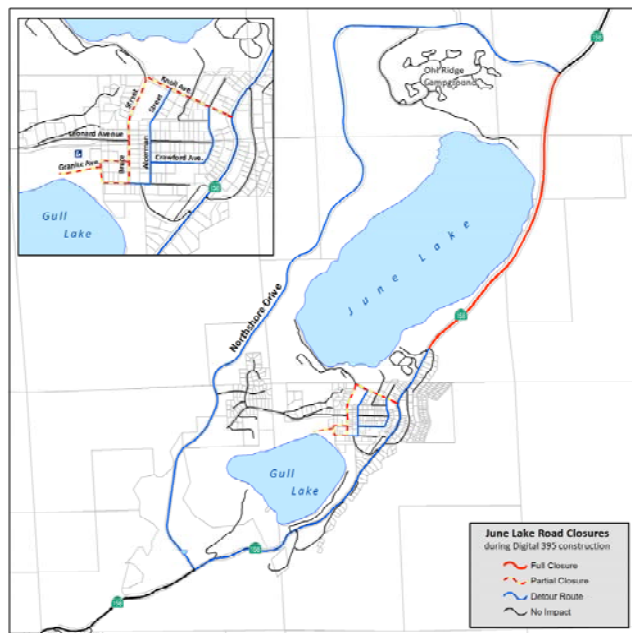
Digital 395 HWY 158 Closure Extended

Closure to expedite work prior to snowfall has been extended by Caltrans

Mono County, Calif. -Weather permitting, Caltrans will extend the temporary closure of part of Highway 158 (June Lake Loop) until November 15th, weekdays only from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. This closure will expedite Digital 395 work so that it can be completed before significant snowfall in the area.

The established detour route will continue to be available on North Shore Drive (see attached map) which allows access to June Lake through an alternate route.

Mono County appreciates the public's cooperation and understanding during this construction work. If you have questions regarding this temporary closure please contact Nate Greenberg, Mono County's Digital 395 Project Coordinator, at (760) 924-1819 or Jeff Walters, Mono County Acting Public Works Director at (760) 932-5459.



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Mono County offers a rural setting with the most spectacular landscapes in the state. Situated between the crest of the Sierra Nevada mountains and the California/Nevada border, Mono County has a land area of 3,030 square miles, or just over 2 million acres, 94% of which is publicly owned.

The county is home to, and named after Mono Lake, which is a large high-desert saline lake. Also located in the county is the historic gold rush town of Bodie, which during its heyday in the late 1800's was home to as many as 7,000 people, and is today maintained as a State Historic Park for the public to come and enjoy.

Scenic Highway 395 weaves its way north-south through the heart of the county, effectively dividing the steep mountains to the west from the vast desert valley to the east. As it provides access to Yosemite National Park via Lee Vining, it passes beneath towering peaks, and past broad desert expanses.