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Traffic Advisory

## U.S. 64 Taos Rio Grande Gorge Bridge Nighttime Full Closure to begin May 2nd until May 20th

Taos - The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) will begin Phase 3 of the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge on U.S. 64. Work on this project is located 20 miles east of Tres Piedras and approximately eight miles northwest of Taos, New Mexico.

Starting Wednesday May 2 until May 20 - The Rio Grande Gorge Bridge located on U.S. 64 will be **CLOSED** at night in both directions.

The closure will be in effect starting the night of May 2<sup>nd</sup> until May 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Motorists are urged to seek an alternate route during these times. The bridge will also be closed to pedestrian traffic.

First responders will be allowed to cross the bridge during this time for emergency incidents.

The Rio Grande Gorge Bridge will be opened to travelers during the day from 7:00 am to 7:00 p.m. Motorists will encounter a one lane closure with temporary traffic signals.

Phase 3 work consists of demolition of the existing deck and placement of a new polyester concrete surface on the bridge. Anticipated completion of this project is June 2012.

Drivers are asked to watch for construction personnel working in the area, observe the temporary construction signing, and reduce speed to the posted speed limits.

Reiman Corporation, out of Moriarty, New Mexico is the contractor for this project.

For up-to-date information on this work, visit the NMDOT road advisory web site at, nmroads.com or call 511.

Questions can be directed to Glen Baker, Project Manager with the New Mexico Department of Transportation Project Office, at (575) 758-4353, or Rosanne Rodriguez, Public Information Officer for the New Mexico Department of Transportation District Five, at (505) 476-4205.