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FDOT to Suspend Construction for Christmas and New Year Holiday

Chipley – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Three office is suspending highway construction projects on major roadways across Northwest Florida. There will be no work on state roads requiring lane restrictions from Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015 through Monday, Jan. 4, 2016. All major roads will be open to normal traffic.

Although no construction closures are scheduled over the holiday weekend, existing state highway work zones will remain in effect. Motorists are reminded to use caution while traveling through work zones around barricades and equipment.

FDOT is encouraging drivers to allow extra travel time and to use extra caution in existing work zones along state highways. Drivers are urged to make sure they buckle up, along with their passengers. FDOT and other safety agencies also ask drivers to obey speed limits, get adequate rest before traveling, avoid distractions and never drink and drive.

Drivers also are urged to be prepared for unscheduled highway closures due to accidents, disabled vehicles or other events. Motorists should be alert to changing weather conditions while traveling.

Travelers can access Florida's 511 service from cell phones, landlines, and the Internet at www.FL511.com to receive updates on travel in the area. For more Florida Department of Transportation District Three information follow us on twitter @myfdot_nwfl or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MyFDOTNWFL.

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Next Segment of State Road 87 Multilane Project Set to Begin

Chipley, FL – Construction work is scheduled to begin the week of Monday, Jan. 4 on a project to widen State Road (S.R.) 87, from two miles south of the Yellow River to just south of County Road (C.R.) 184 in Santa Rosa County. The \$29.6 million project will widen this four-mile segment of S.R. 87 from two to four travel lanes and construct a new bridge across the Yellow River.

Other additions include resurfacing the existing travel lanes, new roadway striping, signage improvements, stormwater retention ponds, and drainage upgrades. The project is slated for completion in fall 2018.

In addition, the boat ramp, parking and trailhead at Garner's Landing, on the southeast side of the river, will be closed to accommodate construction of the new bridge beginning in January 2016. A list of alternate public boat ramps in the area is available online at www.myfwc.com.

Construction on a five and one-half mile section of S.R. 87 from the Eglin AFB Boundary to south of the Yellow River Bridge began fall of this year. The entire corridor is slated for completion fall 2018.

All planned construction activities are weather dependent and may be re-scheduled in the event of inclement weather.

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