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STOREY COUNTY STATEMENT AND INFORMATION ON STATE ROUTE 342

A public tour of the temporarily closed State Route 342 took place Wednesday, Feb. 18. Attendees accompanied representative from Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), Storey County and Comstock Mining, Inc. to hear about the status of the roadway and learn about the historic Silver Hills mine.

"This is our No. 1 priority, bar none," Storey County Manager Pat Whitten said, citing both economic and safety concerns. "However, this by no way impacts travel and accessibility to historic Virginia City. The alternative route is scenic and adds five minutes to the overall travel time from U.S. 50." State Route 341 and Six Mile Canyon are additional routes.

On Feb. 8, NDOT temporarily closed an approximate two-mile section of SR 342 south of Gold Hill as a safety precaution following roadway cracking and sinking. Comstock Mining owns the land with NDOT granted prescriptive rights to operate the state roadbed over the private land.

NDOT geotechnical engineers and road maintenance staff, and Storey County and Comstock Mining personnel have been and will continue to closely monitor the road over the next few weeks to further evaluate safety. Through traffic is detoured to nearby State Route 341, commonly now as the truck route, adding a mile and a half to the overall travel distance.

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