



New Mexico DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

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US 70 Reopened after flooding

LAS CRUCES – The New Mexico Department of Transportation reopened US 70 at approximately 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 12 after being closed for nearly 24 hours due to severe flooding and mud slides.

US 70, San Augustine Pass is now open for travelers. The New Mexico Department of Transportation responded to reports of a mud slide across US 70 on Sunday, July 11 at approximately 7:45 p.m. Crews worked tirelessly overnight removing large amounts of mud, rock, and trees.

Overall, 7 miles of US 70 were devastated by this mud slide including one entrance into White Sands Missile Range (WSMR).

All four lanes of US 70 have been reopened, crews will continue to clear remaining debris and work to reopen the on/off ramps at exit 170 which is an additional entrance into WSMR. Use caution around heavy equipment and maintainers in the area who will continue to make roadway repairs as needed.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation is committed to the safety of the traveling public and appreciates your cooperation during this work. For updated road information visit: The New Mexico Department of Transportation at www.nmroads.com or call 511.

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