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Hi everyone,

A quick update from here on Mars Hill:

Astronomy Discovery Center Construction Traffic

After our last update, a few of you asked about heavy trucks and possible changes to routing due to the construction and road closure on Santa Fe. As I understand it, the trucks are using Thorpe out to 180 and should not be detouring through residential streets like Aspen, Birch, or Cherry while Santa Fe is closed.

Reusing Santa Fe

Our contractor had the brilliant idea of coordinating with the crews on Thorpe to truck all the milled asphalt and dirt up here as the initial fill for the ADC parking lot. It's saving time and money on both ends, and now you can tell friends and visitors that part of our new parking lot is made of recycled Santa Fe Avenue!

ADC Update and ConstructionCam

Our project manager Dave Sawyer reports:

The landscape of the ADC site has changed dramatically over the past week as the lot has been cleared of trees creating an open expanse. In addition, the trees have been cleared from the secondary fire access road, which creates a pleasant walk to the Flag Mesa neighborhood. This secondary access will eventually be a 20' wide gravel road designed to support fire apparatus in an emergency. Clearing operations at the ADC site and road will continue over the next week to remove stumps and mulch them along with all the remaining tree branches. The next major activity will be blasting rock to carve out the building pad in the side of the hill. The blasting is expected to begin during the week of July 26.

We have also installed an ADC construction camera on the roof of our machine shop. The latest image should update every five minutes. It's at <https://ftp.lowell.edu/pub/adccam/latest.jpg>.

Have a good rest of your week!

Best regards,

Jeff