

News Release

Emergency Installation of Fiber-Optic Cable Starts Wednesday *Necessary for Public Safety – Expect Traffic Delays*

Expect traffic delays in Ketchum starting Wednesday for the installation of a new fiber-optic cable for fire, emergency medical services and police telephones and computers.

“We are experiencing intermittent computer failures because of overloading and feel that it is unsafe to delay replacing the old wiring,” Mike Elle, chief of fire and emergency medical services said. “Traffic delays are far less inconvenient than delays in a response by an ambulance or a fire truck.”

Although Ketchum tries to avoid roadwork in the summer, Mayor Nina Jonas said this is considered an emergency situation. “Rather than continue to patch an older system, it makes sense to go ahead and install a new cable,” she explained.

The new cable will be installed under roads from City Hall to Highway 75 to 10th Street and Warm Springs Road in the industrial area. Portions of Fifth and Sixth streets and East Avenue also will be affected. Estimates are that the work will take from one to three days.

For additional information, visit the city website at www.ketchumidaho.org. Regular updates will be posted on the website as well as on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofKetchum> and on Twitter at @Ketchum_Idaho.



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About the City of Ketchum

The City of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The City of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the City of Ketchum, visit www.ketchumidaho.org.

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