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County completes 40 miles of mountain area chip seals

The County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works recently completed a 40-mile chip seal project along various roads in the Angelus Oaks, Arrowbear, Big Bear, Crestline, Green Valley Lake, and Running Springs areas.

Chip seals are used as the most cost effective treatment to preserve roadway surfaces and to protect them from harmful oxidation from the sun and severe weather. The County typically applies a chip seal to roadways two to three years after they have been resurfaced to protect the new surface by sealing it, providing a protective layer while rejuvenating dry and weathered asphalt pavement. Approximately 63 miles of chip seal were completed in fiscal year 2011/2012, and the County expects to complete 80 miles in fiscal year 2012/2013.

Recently revised procedures in the chip seal process such as additional quality control measures, smaller chip size, and the application of a fog seal coat, have resulted in an improved product.

Public Works crews received many positive comments and much appreciation during the project. Residents of adjacent roads were inquiring on when the same treatment could be applied to their roads.

For further information, please contact the Department of Public Works at (909) 387-7995.