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## State Highway 21 Repair and Improvements Idaho Transportation Department – District 3

The Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD's) recent work on State Highway 21 highlights the agency's dedication to both rapid response and long-term planning.

State Highway 21 in northern Boise County was severely damaged in the July 2024 Wapiti Fire. As soon as firefighting efforts allowed, District 3 staff acted quickly to ensure the safety of the public and first responders, clearing the highway of debris, burnt trees, and rocks.

Then, after the fire, ITD promptly took action to repair the pavement and replace several miles of crucial guardrail and the nearly 50 road signs that had been damaged or destroyed.

On the other side of the county, ITD began work in May 2025 to replace the State Highway 21's nearly 75-year-old Lowman Bridge. The replacement will not only improve safety for drivers and active transportation users alike but also supports what residents have said they want most from their transportation agencies: to maintain the existing transportation system.

By investing in State Highway 21, ITD is improving safety and supporting economic vitality and quality of life by ensuring convenient and safe access to and through Boise County.