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INTERVALE SCENIC OVERLOOK PROJECT TO BEGIN
EXISTING BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED ON MARCH 13

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces work is set to get underway on the replacement of the welcome center at the Intervale Scenic Overlook in North Conway.

This project will involve the construction of a new below ground level structure built into the side of the embankment facing the Saco River Valley and White Mountains. The semi-circular building with a vista of curved glass on the west wall will be larger than the outdated, above ground building it will replace. Visitors descending by elevator or stairs to the unique building will be able to access restroom facilities, an information desk and a cultural display area. The entry-level roof of the new building will also serve as a deck for visitors.

The entrance and exit for the rest area will also be realigned for improved traffic flow, and some additional parking will be added.

To make way for the new building, the scenic overlook and the existing welcome center building at the Intervale Scenic Overlook will be closed on Monday, March 13 for demolition work.

Pilot Construction, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire is the contractor for the \$2.6 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2007.