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SAFETY ALERT

Close calls increasing on Highway 95 due to closure of Trans-Canada Highway in Kicking Horse Canyon

Location: Golden to Radium Hot Springs

Date: Ongoing – Fall/Winter 2021

Details: Numerous close calls have been reported involving vehicle incidents since the closure of the Trans-Canada Highway (Hwy 1) in eastern BC. This closure is due to the Kicking Horse Canyon Project, which has rerouted east/west traffic onto highway 95 between the communities of Golden and Radium Hot Springs.

Among the incidents reported:

- Vehicles passing on double solid lines
- Dangerous passes resulting in 3 vehicles splitting 2 lanes
- Vehicles failing to slow down when local residential traffic signals to turn off the highway
- Vehicles passing stopped school buses that are dropping off or picking up children
- Traffic slowing down or stopping to observe wildlife
- Failure to obey reduced speed limits through towns, parks/recreation areas
- Distracted drivers on devices driving out of their lane

Learnings & Suggestions: The Kicking Horse Canyon highway closure and rerouting is not short-term. Travellers can expect temporary closures for roughly the next 5 years. Using a secondary highway as the primary highway is extremely dangerous for many reasons.

- Cell service is not readily available on this route
- It lacks safe passing locations and infrastructure for high traffic use

If you use this route, please be aware and be patient, as it may take longer than usual to get from point a to point b.

For more information on the Kicking Horse Canyon Project calendar, visit:

<https://www.kickinghorsecanyon.ca/construction/calendar>



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