



New Mexico DEPARTMENT OF  
**TRANSPORTATION**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Traffic Alert**  
**U.S. 82 Emergency Rock Scaling**  
*Otero County*

ALAMOGORDO– The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District Two in cooperation with APEX Rockfall Mitigation, LLC will begin rock scaling operations at the corridor of U.S. 82 from approximately milepost 6 to milepost 7 beginning Monday, June 5 at 7 a.m.

The work will consist of light and heavy scaling to remove loose and potentially unstable rocks on slopes. This will address safety concerns for the traveling public from the January 2023 rockslide.

Drivers should expect intermittent road closures throughout the duration of the project for the removal of rocks and debris from the roadway. Please plan accordingly and expect some delays. Use caution and reduce speed for workers and equipment in the area.

Work will take place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Work is expected to be complete by the end of June, weather permitting.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation is committed to the safety of the traveling public and thanks you for your cooperation during this work. For updated information go to: New Mexico Department of Transportation at [www.nmroads.com](http://www.nmroads.com) or call 511.

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