This spring we’re fielding several questions about the 2016 Boise River float season and many people are particularly interested in how the Broadway Bridge project might affect floaters this summer. After all, the Broadway Bridge has been under construction since January and it’s one of the nine bridges (five road and four pedestrian — including the Ann Morrison bridge at the take out) that floaters expect to glide under on any trip down the river. So what should summer floaters expect to see?

No impacts to the Boise River float season related to the Broadway Bridge project are anticipated. Summer floaters will have clear passage under the bridge and can expect to get a great glimpse of the new piers and girders on their downstream voyage. However, for those that still need the incentive to avoid recreating on the river until the official summer float season, be aware that the “dangerous river conditions” status is expected to remain throughout the spring and river restrictions may be in effect at Broadway Bridge until mid-June. We asked the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) to provide additional information for our readers regarding the project. Here’s the scoop:

ITD is replacing the Broadway Bridge over the Boise River and improving Broadway Avenue between University Drive and Front Street (expected completion: Fall 2016). This will occasionally require the Boise River to be restricted in the construction area. Intermittent river restrictions will be in place during the day through mid-June. ITD has placed signs along the river directing recreationalists through the construction zone whenever the river is restricted.

For up-to-date Broadway Bridge construction information
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