

Several county health code violations were identified on these parcels in 2010. The required cleanup is now done, and the approval of a use variance to accommodate the remaining small engine business is the last code compliance item to be completed.

Conditions:

1. Approval is limited to the variance of use for small engine repair, retail sales of residential landscaping

2. No subsequent enlargement, expansion, or modification of the use shall be allowed unless the proposal is re-evaluated and goes through the public hearing process in accordance with the requirements of the El Paso County Land Development Code.
3. The proposed use will comply with all requirements of the land development code and all county, state,

and federal regulations.

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# North Gate under I-25 reopens with roundabouts



Provided by Bob Wilson, CDOT public relations

Roundabout construction is now complete at the North Gate Boulevard interchange with I-25. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) removed three outdated loop ramps and made improvements to North Gate Boulevard while adding the roundabouts. The two roundabouts, one at each point where the I-25 on- and off-ramps intersect North Gate Boulevard, are designed to improve traffic flow and increase safety at the respective intersections.

Tips for traveling through the roundabouts:

- Drive in a counterclockwise direction.

- Since these roundabouts have multiple lanes, choose your entry lane based on your destination.
  - See diagram for more tips on navigating roundabouts.
- More @i25expansion project information is available by visiting [www.southi25expansion.com](http://www.southi25expansion.com). Call the project hotline at 719-247-8339 to have comments and questions addressed by the project team. To receive project updates via email or text, register at [www.coloradodot.info](http://www.coloradodot.info) and click on the green cellphone in the upper-right corner of the page. ■

## October Weather Wrap

By Bill Kappel

Several storms moved just to our north during October, providing near misses in the snow department and left us drier than normal. However, the prevalent north to north-west flow meant temperatures were well below normal. So, in the end, we experienced lots of sunny, cool fall days, with a few brief touches of wintry weather.

We've experienced both summer and winter conditions during the first week of October, which isn't too unusual when you consider how the seasons transition from one to the other so quickly on the Palmer Divide. The first three days of the month were sunny and mild, with highs in the upper 60s to low 70s.

However, a powerful storm rolled through the region starting late on the 3rd and continuing into the 4th. Rain changed to graupel and snow during the early morning hours of the 4th, with a trace to a half inch accumulating. Temperatures were cold, with highs only hitting the mid-40s, and the clear skies that night allowed temperatures to tumble well below freezing. The colder areas around the region managed to reach the mid- to upper teens.

As this storm moved through Wyoming and South Dakota with its full force, several snow and cold records

were broken. Rapid City, S.D., accumulated more than 30 inches of snow over two days, with some areas in the Black Hills accumulating nearly 60 inches. If only this storm would have wound up a few hundred miles more south and west, we would have been talking about a historic blizzard in our back yard. Sunny skies returned over the next few days and temperatures slowly moderated. Highs were in the mid-50s on the 5th and mid-60s on the 6th.

Quiet and seasonal conditions returned from the 5th through the 9th. Temperatures warmed from the mid-50s on the afternoon of the 5th, to the mid-60s on the 6th, then to above average levels from the 7th through the 9th. Sunshine was abundant as well, making for nice "Indian summer" weather. Unsettled conditions returned to the region starting on the 10th, as a series of storm systems moved through the region from the Pacific Northwest. Storms moving in from the west are depleted of moisture by the time they reach the Front Range and don't have a ton of cold air. Snow fell in the mountains and temperatures dropped to average and slightly below normal levels. With did squeeze out a few showers at times, but nothing significant.

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