

Crew News

GOLDFIELD CREW 175



Between Las Vegas and Reno lies the historic town of Goldfield—and an NDOT maintenance crew responsible for preserving the vital U.S. 95 link connecting Nevada history and Las Vegas glitz.

For the four-man Goldfield Crew 175, winter brings snowplowing duties atop the 7,400-foot Lida Summit and 6,097-foot high Goldfield Summit, not to mention the other 228 lane miles under their responsibility. Summer heat brings construction projects from overlays to shoulder safety improvements. In fact, the Goldfield crew recently overlaid a 43-mile stretch of the SR 266 scenic shortcut between Las Vegas and Yosemite with help from Tonopah, Beatty and Montgomery Pass teams. Extensive profile work also flattened road and shoulder surfaces. Next year, a chip seal will complete the road improvements.

The crew also maintains Scotty’s Castle Road and State Route 774 to historic Gold Point, a rustic 1860-era mining town now home to just over 10 hearty residents. Recently credited with saving the life of a pregnant accident victim and preventing a flammable cargo truck from being engulfed in flames, Crew 175 is also no stranger to the life-saving work performed daily by NDOT maintainers.

“We work together really well,” George Robertson explained of the team’s 38 combined years of NDOT maintenance success.



Goldfield Crew 175 (top to bottom)

Dave Kitchingham

Supervisor Bob Scott

Kevin Strozzi

George Robertson

ELY CREW 381 TAMES FIRE AND ICE



Fifteen miles southeast of the town of Ely, Cave Lake State Park is host to the annual Fire and Ice Show. Each year, over two thousand people gather to create and enjoy snow and ice sculptures built on the frozen lake.

And Ely crew 381 takes an integral part in the festival. As they do winter-long, the crew diligently clears snow from nearly four miles of Cave Lake Park roads while leaving the white stuff available for contestants to use in their sculptures.

“We appreciate all the help,” State Park Maintenance Repair Specialist Terry Ivans said in thanks for NDOT’s year-round help. “We couldn’t do it without NDOT.”

This year, one special contestant, NDOT’s own Janet Van Camp of Crew 381, took part in the festival with a polar bear entry. Surrounding Janet’s creation, from left to right, are crew 381’s Jerry Pankow, John Crandall, the artist herself, Richard Pectol, James Cazier, Mike Corona and Supervisor I Stan Nicholes.