

This will be a rather short update. I have encountered my first problems that have caused a delay. They are not car related, however. The car is running fine. I got bit by some food poisoning last night in Farmington. I did not sleep well and at about 5 a.m. got up with, well you know what food poisoning does to you.

I was feeling pretty well by 7:00, so I did head out at 7:30, only ½ hour later than I had planned for the day. This was one of those days where I was to “buy gas wherever available”. I stopped in Shiprock, and there was apparently a junction of two highways there. When I left the gas station I thought I got back on 160, but got onto some other road. I saw no highway ID signs, so did not even realize that I was on the wrong road until I got to Gallup, NM.

At that point it was way too late to turn back, and the only route to where I needed to go was 160 miles of I-40. So much for my plan of going all the way without ever getting onto an Interstate. I headed west on I-40 and really started to feel bad. I knew there was a really nice Holiday Inn Express in Holbrook. That was about 40 miles ahead at this point. That was the longest 40 miles I have ever driven.

I finally got to Holbrook and checked in. I am now resting and trying to recover so that I can hopefully continue on tomorrow. This will put me a day behind though, and I will now be getting into Chula Vista sometime on Sunday.