

Highway 35



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Well construction season is starting up for Highway 35. The contractor Tapani Underground will once again stage up for another year of construction. On May 02, 2011 Tapani will begin moving in equipment and shutting down the following Sno-park areas as needed for equipment storage and materials;

Teacup Sno-park
Pocket Creek Sno-park
White River West Sno-park
White River East Sno-park
Clark Creek Sno-park



Likely, they will not all shut down at once but as needed. With the late snow, people are still parking in these locations so closing is defiantly not going to be popular. However, the mix of public parking within a construction area is a dangerous mix to both public and construction personal. Safety of everyone is critical in construction settings, which I hope users will appreciate. Which Sno-parks will close first will be evident to the public as the contractor will be setting up barrels and posting the sites as they begin using them and publishing notices in local newspapers. Following discussions with the contractor this week, they plan to start work on the Clark Newton section of the project first near MP 68.23 which will mean the Pocket Creek Sno-park will likely close first. The photo is near White River taken on 4-26-2011, pot holes and snow – spring?

This year two work sites will be under construction the section started last year from MP. 61.1 to MP 62.14 known as the White River section, then starting this year the Clark Newton Section from MP 65.32 to MP 68.23. Traffic delays will first be seen in the Clark Newton section to accommodate clearing operations and removal of hazard trees. These delays should be brief during this clearing operation, mainly for tree falling. When both sections are fully under construction, the maximum delay would be 20-minutes.

For those traveling the Clark Newton section of Highway 35 or easterly from Mt. Hood Meadows they will be seeing the contractor clearing to accommodate a temporary two lane road around the reconstruction of Highway 35. This temporary road will be paved and afford a nearly delay free route once open through all of 2011 into late 2012. Once the newly rebuilt Highway 35 is back in operation, the temporary road will be removed to its preconstruction ground contours, along with extensive re-vegetation. Without this temporary road in place, travelers would be subject to lengthy delays and significant road closures.

The completion date for this project is November 26, 2012.

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