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Tapani Underground out of Battleground Washington, the same contractor as last year moved equipment in this week starting Monday morning. The work started out with two excavators and one tracked loader. They started clearing out those dead trees just opposite the Pocket Creek Sno-park. This is the location of an overflow event that took place perhaps in the late 90's and according to USFS sources buried the base of the standing trees with up to 5-foot of sandy soils. The effect of that is seen today as a corridor of dead trees.



Having cleared and stacked the logs from this area, the next step is to load these out and haul them off. Some of these logs will be used by USFS for stream restoration the others depending on their condition returned later to aid in the restoration and replanting of the fringe area next to the road. Even the limbs and brush will be used on the project as wood chips to control erosion. The only thing we are not trying to recycle is the fragrant smell of evergreens.

Having cleared this location we are taking a short break to evaluate if we have alternatives to even further reduce our construction impact on the forest. Rather than going forward per the contract sometimes taking a second look makes good sense. We can all relate to “hindsight being better than “foresight” in our daily lives. So rather, than wait until we finish the project and then find we could have done a better job. We’re taking a few days to visually and design wise evaluate the vision. To make sure we achieve that goal in a sound and environmentally based positive manner.

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For those traveling the Clark Newton section of Highway 35 or easterly from Mt. Hood Meadows its possible some traffic control will be taking place for both surveyors working in the Highway and for loading out those logs. However any delays will be very brief.

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

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