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# North Bank Lane Newsletter

## Progress Report

The main activities for the first two weeks May 19 to May 31 was surveying and slope staking on the project. The contractor was not on the project from May 31 through June 9<sup>th</sup>. The surveying will be on going for the next few weeks. Expect some delays and watch for surveyors on the road. This report will be updated as more activities begin.

## Project Background

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD) is implementing the Ni-les'tun Unit of the Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge Wetland Restoration and North Bank Lane Improvement Project (Project) near the Town of Bandon, Oregon. North Bank Lane runs from US Highway 101 to US Highway 42 as shown on the attached map.

The Ni-les'tun Unit (Unit) of Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) was historically a tidal wetland. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries levees were built on the banks of the Coquille River to hold back the river's water and drain the Marsh so that it could be used for agricultural purposes. The USFWS purchased the land in order to restore over 400 acres of valuable tidal wetlands in the Unit. North Bank Lane provides access to the Unit in the Refuge. In order for the USFWS to fully implement its proposed tidal wetland restoration portion of the Project, improvements needed to be made to North Bank Lane. Currently North Bank Lane floods annually at the low elevation crossings of Fahys and Redd creeks during winter storms. Also, the culverts originally at Fahys and Redd creeks were undersized and restrict fish passage. In the 2010 construction season, WFLHD replaced the culverts at these creek locations with larger fish-friendly culverts to improve fish passage and to decrease the severity and frequency of flooding during high tide conditions. In the 2011 construction season WFLHD continues to improve North Bank Lane so that it is a consistent roadway width with shoulders to better accommodate the mix of motorized and non-motorized users. Construction activities for the tidal wetland restoration portion of the project began in 2010 and will be completed in 2011. For up-to-date information about the tidal restoration activities please see the USFWS blog at

<http://www.fws.gov/oregoncoast/bandonmarsh/restoration/index.cfm>

Go online for more information and to read old newsletters at <http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/>



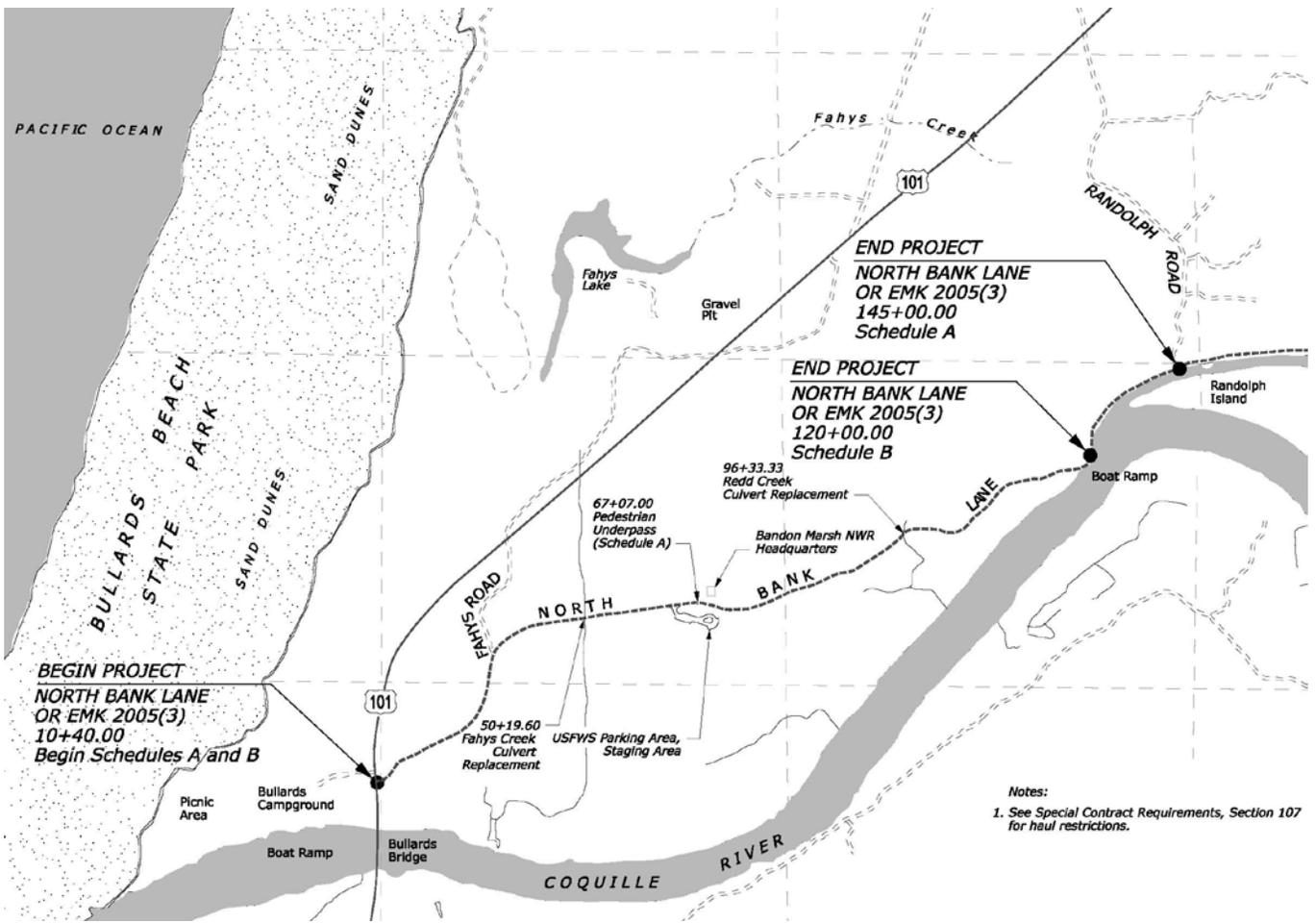
### Contractor's Work Schedule

Monday – Thursday: Hours: 7am – 5pm  
Survey Crews maybe working Monday-Fridays:

### Traffic Delay Information

There will not be any construction activity on North Bank Lane until the contractor returns to the project. We will have surveyors on the project.





Notes:  
 1. See Special Contract Requirements, Section 107 for haul restrictions.