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North Bank Lane Newsletter

Progress Report

Due to an unexpected delay in culvert delivery, the road closure on North Bank Lane has been modified. The structural plate culvert for Fahys Creek has been fabricated in Pennsylvania later than expected and is expected to arrive on August 23. As a result North Bank Lane will be re-opened today and will remain open until approximately August 23. It is anticipated that N. Bank Lane will be closed again between August 23 and August 31st. The road closure will be on North Bank Lane between the intersection with Fahys Road and the Ni-les'tun Overlook area at the Bandon Marsh Headquarters. Randolph Road will be used as a detour to Rocky Point Boat Ramp and further access east on North Bank Lane. Please reference the attached map for road closure locations. During the past 3 days of road closure, the contractor, Tidewater Contractors Inc., has completed the installation of the new 8-foot diameter pedestrian underpass culvert at the Ni-Les'tun overlook area. Next week Tidewater plans to place streambed material inside the new 10-foot diameter culvert at Redd Creek, while Redd Creek continues to flow thru the existing culvert that will be removed later. Tidewater is finished hauling embankment material to the Redd Creek grade raise section and is preparing it for a temporary gravel surface that will exist until next July after the embankment has had a chance to settle out. Tidewater has continued placing embankment material near Fahys Creek to raise the road grade elevation in that area and will continue hauling embankment material to this area during the week of August 16th. Please use caution on Randolph Road on the steep grade and curves approaching the intersection with North Bank Road. Road closure, delays, and other pertinent information regarding the road construction activities will be posted weekly in this newsletter. During the road closure on North Bank Lane, Tidewater will be installing a temporary diversion pipe to divert Fahys Creek while a new large culvert is installed to replace the existing culvert at Fahys Creek.

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. 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.

Construction activities for the tidal wetland restoration portion of the project began in 2009 and will be completed in 2010. 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/>



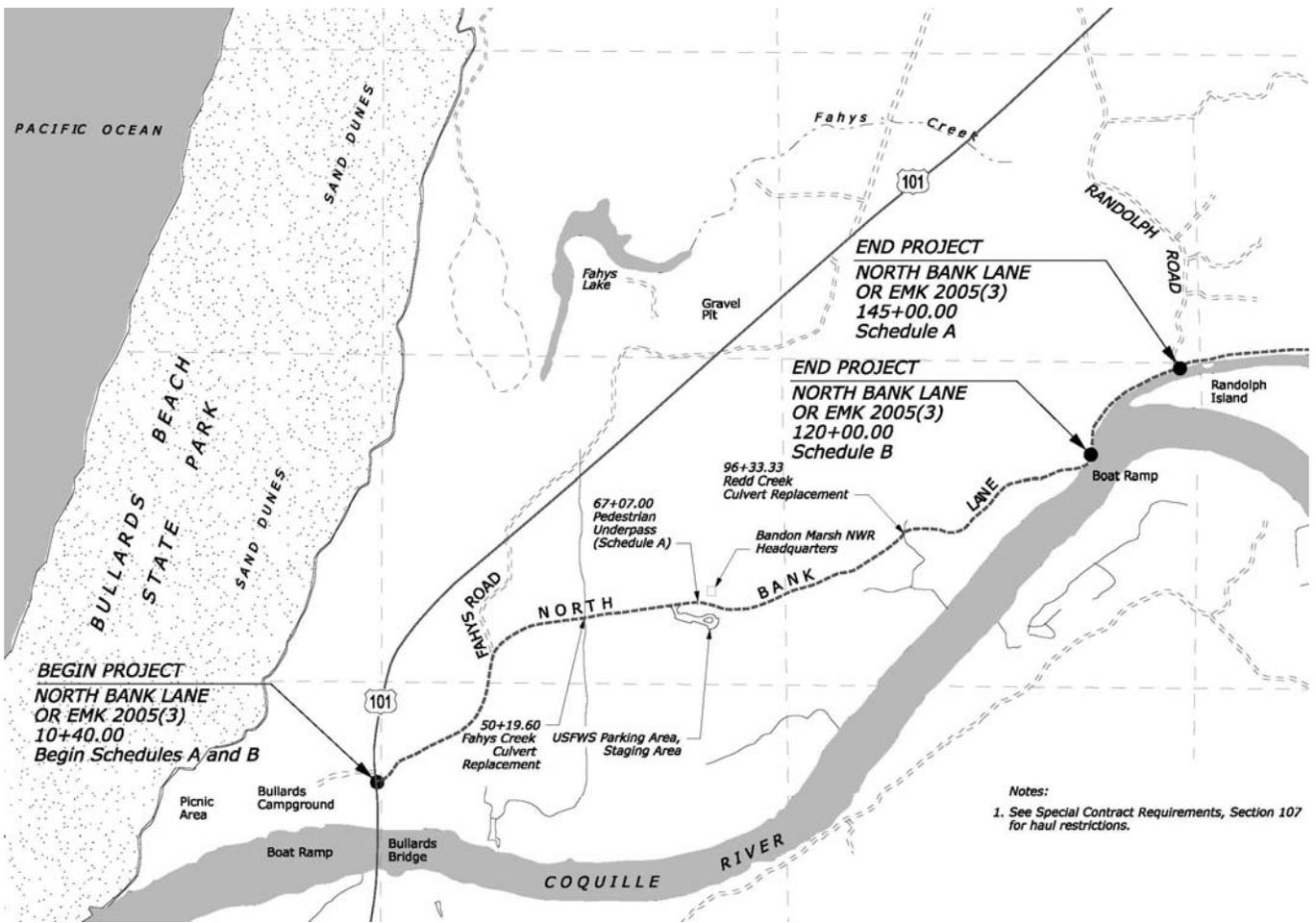
Contractor's Work Schedule

Monday – Saturday: Hours: 7am – 7pm

Traffic Delay Information

Expect short delays, approx. 5 minutes, on N. Bank Lane between August 16 – 20th. **N. Bank Lane will be Closed beginning August 23 see above for details**





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