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## North Umpqua Highway Newsletter

### Progress Report

The base lift of asphalt paving was completed on October 21, 2011 in all areas of the roadway disturbed by road construction in 2011. The contractor continued constructing rock lined ditches in areas with high erosion potential until November 17, 2011. Over three miles of rock lined ditches were constructed in various areas with high erosion potential prior to winter shutdown. Work is currently suspended for the winter and will resume in the spring of 2012.

### Project Background

The North Umpqua Highway project is located entirely within the Umpqua National Forest in Douglas County, in southwestern Oregon. The project begins above Dry Creek at MP 52.8 along State Highway 138 east of Roseburg and ends at MP 67.2 near Stump Lake. It is an east-west, two-lane rural state-owned arterial roadway, providing principle access to over half of the Umpqua National Forest. This is also known as Forest Highway 47 (FH 47). Much of the highway parallels the North Umpqua River, which is designated as a Federal Wild and Scenic River and also a State Scenic Waterway. The total project length is approximately 14.4 miles. The Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is planning to complete the construction by fall of 2012. The proposed improvements consist of upgrading the existing North Umpqua Highway to a safe, two-lane roadway consistent with AASHTO and ODOT design and safety standards. The proposed work will generally be along the existing road, although minor horizontal and vertical alignment changes may be necessary to provide a more uniform driving experience and safe travel speeds. This roadway section is located between two improved, widened sections and proposed improvements should be consistent with the adjoining sections of highway.

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### Contractor's Work Schedule

June 13<sup>th</sup> thru June 16<sup>th</sup>  
Monday thru Thursday: Hours: 6am – 4pm

### Traffic Delay Information

Expect 10 minute delays with occasional delays up to 20 minutes

