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## North Umpqua Highway Newsletter

### Progress Report

The contractor, Oakridge Sand & Gravel, began performing construction surveying the last few weeks. The contractor will begin some minor slope and grading work this week. Flaggers will provide alternating one-way traffic through the work zone to facilitate public traffic during work hours. The average delay to traffic is expected to be 10 minutes with a few occasional closures up to 20 minutes. The contractor is anticipating working 4-10hr. shifts to start this spring and will be off the road on Fridays. The contractor's schedule may eventually increase work hours per day and possibly include work on Friday and Saturday. We will provide notice of any work hours change in future newsletters.

### 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.

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



### Contractor's Work Schedule

Monday thru Thursday: Hours: 7am – 5pm

### Traffic Delay Information

Expect 10 minute delays and occasional 20 minute delays.

