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North Umpqua Highway Newsletter

Progress Report

Over the past few weeks the contractor finished the majority of the widening work between Milepost (MP) 57, Toketee School/Control Center Rd, up to approximately MP 60. The full-width reconstruction process to rebuild the approaches to Fish Creek Bridge, Penstock Bridge and areas above Toketee-Rigdon Road is under way. These zones have been excavated and graded with new gravel. More than a half-mile of new guardrail has been installed between Fish Creek Bridge and Toketee-Rigdon Rd. The last two retaining walls have been constructed, several new culverts installed and bridge railing work between MP 58.5 – MP 58.6, below Toketee-Rigdon Rd., is nearly complete. The temporary traffic signal below Toketee-Rigdon Road will be operating with alternating one-way traffic during non-work hours until mid-July at this location until the new structural concrete is cured and the final section of new guardrail is installed to connect between the two new sections of bridge railing. **Paving is expected to begin in late July.**

No work is scheduled on July 4th. Work will occur next week (July 2nd – July 6th) every day except Wednesday July 4th. Work zones will shrink in size due to higher anticipated traffic volumes. Work on July 5th and July 6th is planned to be two small work zones between MP 56 to MP 60; one zone for rock lined ditch construction and one zone for biochar filtration ditches. During work hours a pilot car and flaggers will provide alternating one-way traffic to facilitate public travel. **Be aware of gravel sections** in the various reconstruction areas between Fish Creek Bridge and Milepost 60. **The Toketee School Rd/Control Center intersection is scheduled to be widened in a couple of weeks.** This work will consist of widening the existing intersection without excavating out the entire entrance and will not obstruct traffic.

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

July 2nd – July 6th: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Hours: 6am – 4pm

No work is scheduled for Wednesday July 4th

Traffic Delay Information

Expect 10 minute delays with occasional delays up to 20 minutes

