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## North Umpqua Highway Newsletter

### 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.

### Progress Report

The contractor, Oakridge Sand & Gravel, began surveying and setting clearing limits last week. Equipment mobilization for timber and slash clearing will begin the week of October 4, 2010. The contractor expects to begin placing erosion control devices and begin timber & slash clearing near the end of the week of October 4, 2010. Clearing operations are expected to begin at the high elevations, near the end of the project, working west downhill toward Dry Creek. Flaggers will provide alternating one-way traffic through the work zone to facilitate public traffic during work hours. The work on this project for the remainder of the 2010 construction season is expected to be limited to clearing operations. This will include decking merchantable timber at designated locations and hauling slash debris to a designated waste site.

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**Contractor's Work Schedule**  
Monday thru Thursday: Hours: 7am – 5pm

**Traffic Delay Information**  
Expect minor delays for timber clearing operations

