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## North Umpqua Highway Newsletter

### Progress Report

Construction of the remaining deep patch/full width reconstruction section, near Milepost (MP) 53.5 below Medicine Creek, was completed and paved last Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>. This was the last gravel section on the highway; all of the main travel lanes have at least one lift of pavement. The top lift of paving has been completed down to Toketee Control Center near MP 57. The top lift of paving is expected to be complete by Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**No work will occur over Labor Day Weekend.** The contractor will work Tuesday through Friday next week. They will begin shaping the shoulder rock up to the new edge of pavement and complete the paving on all of the approach road intersections, working west from the top of the project downhill. All paving of approach road intersections is expected to be complete by Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup>. Installation of signs and general clean-up will also be occurring onsite next week.

Over the next few weeks the contractor will focus on: shaping shoulder rock, installing signs, installing bridge deck joint seals, installing permanent tall-pinned barrier above the "S" curves near MP 53.5, lining a 30" culvert and general clean-up. Work is expected to be substantially complete by September 28, 2012.

During work hours, flaggers and pilot cars will provide alternating one-way traffic to facilitate public travel.

### 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

September 4 – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday thru Friday  
Hours: 6am – 7pm

### Traffic Delay Information

Expect delays up to 20 minutes

