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Newsletter

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Project Background

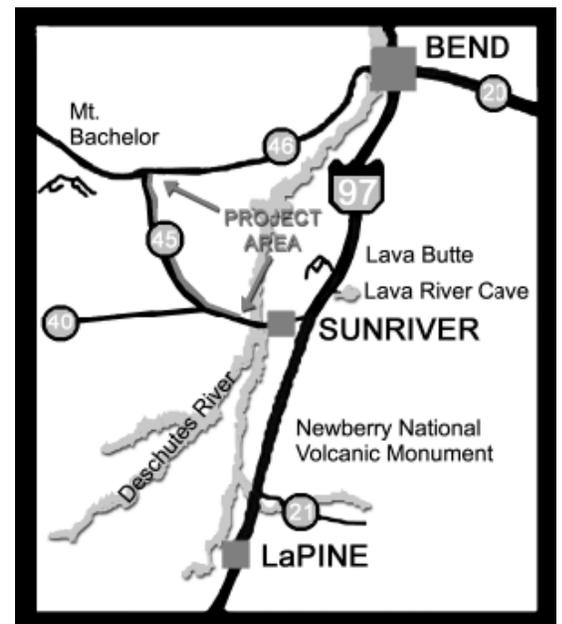
Forest Service (FS) Roads 40 and 45 serve as a primary access for both residents and tourists between Sunriver and the Mt. Bachelor ski area. The roadways also provide access to the Deschutes National Forest's recreational areas.

This project will:

- Improve safety for motorist and bicyclists.
- Improve access to the Deschutes National Forest from Sunriver and southern Deschutes County.
- Reduce maintenance costs.

The project area begins at the junction of FS Road 40 and 41. The project will progress westerly on FS Road 40 to the junction of FS Road 40 and 45, then proceed northerly along FS Road 45 to the intersection with Oregon Highway 372, Cascade Lakes Highway. The total distance of the project is approximately 13 1/3 miles.

The main scope of this project is to overhaul FS Road 45 by changing both horizontal and vertical alignments to improve both sight distance and safety. This reconstruction will take place over the 2006 and 2007 construction season. During the 2007 construction season FS road 45 will be closed to allow for the majority of the construction that is to occur on the existing roadway. FS road 45 will be closed from May 21, 2007 to September 28, 2007. Traffic will be detoured on FS roads 40 & 41 during this time period.



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Progress Report

With the good weather comes construction season and the beginning of the Sunriver to Mt. Bachelor Road Improvement Project. Oakridge Sand and Gravel is the contractor for this project. The Federal Highway Administration, Deschutes County Public Works, and the U.S. Forest Service are anticipating a productive construction season.

During these first few weeks of construction, exciting changes will be noticeable by the passing public. Oakridge Sand and Gravel will be moving in equipment, doing preliminary surveying, and placing post mounted construction signs beginning the week of May 22nd.

Oakridge Sand and Gravel will begin work by clearing brush from various locations beginning at the north end of the project starting Tuesday, May 30th.

During the 2006 construction season Oakridge Sand and Gravel will be working off the existing asphalt as much as possible. The contract allows traffic delays of up to 30 minutes. However, we consider this a worst-case scenario and do not anticipate lengthy delays for work scheduled to occur in 2006.

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Contractor's Work Schedule

Monday-Friday

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM*

*Shifts may be extended to take advantage of positive working conditions.

No work on Memorial Day

Traffic Delay Information

There are no major traffic delays anticipated between May 22nd and June 22nd.