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# Newsletter

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## Progress Report

The contractor, Oakridge Sand & Gravel, is clearing debris between mile marker 8, just below Edison Sno-park & mile marker 13 on FS Road 45. Material is now being hauled to new locations along the project to raise and lower the existing ground elevation.

Safety is the number one priority for Oakridge Sand & Gravel and the Federal Highway Administration. Traffic is being piloted through the work-zone to increase everyone's safety. Forest Service Road 40 & 45 are popular bike paths. The terrain creates a challenging and exciting ride for bikers of all skill levels. However, bicycles are extremely dangerous in a construction zone. The length of the pilot line is approximately 3 miles on FS Road 45. In this zone there is heavy equipment working. It is extremely difficult for the operators of this equipment to see bicyclists. In addition, bicycles do not travel nearly the same speed as vehicle traffic. It is unfair to unduly slow vehicle traffic to accommodate bicycles up the steep grades between mile markers 10 & 13. Bicycles are being piloted as a group through the work-zone on the hour and half-hour. As the contractor moves down towards flatter terrain, traffic control for bicycles may change to shorter delays if conditions allow. **Oakridge Sand & Gravel is encouraging all bicyclists to use alternate routes.**

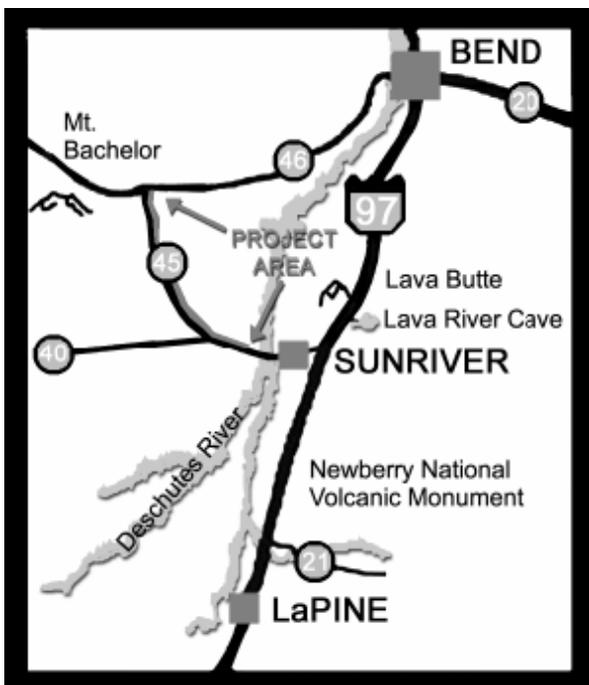
## Coming Up

Oakridge Sand & Gravel will continue to work down the mountain towards Sunriver. They will be clearing debris, hauling material to new locations, and roughing in road subgrade on portions of the road where the new alignment deviates from the existing road.

## Project Background

Forest Service (FS) Roads 40 and 45 serve as a primary access between Sunriver and the Mt. Bachelor ski area. The goal 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 seasons.

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



### Contractor's Work Schedule

Monday-Friday

6:00 AM to 4:00 PM\*

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

### Traffic Delay Information

There are no major traffic delays anticipated between July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Please read above for details on bicycle delays.**

