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Newsletter

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Progress Report

As shown on the map, the project begins at the junction of FS Road 40 and 41. The project progresses westerly on FS Road 40 to the junction of FS Road 40 and 45, then proceeds northerly along FS Road 45 to the intersection with Oregon Highway 372, Cascade Lakes Highway. The total distance of this project is approximately 13 1/3 miles.

The contractor, Oakridge Sand & Gravel, is finishing clearing debris between mile markers 9 & 6. Material is being hauled to new locations along the project to raise and lower the existing ground elevation.

Last week Oakridge Sand & Gravel began piloting bicycles through the project on the hour and half-hour. Separately piloting bicycles through the work-zone has greatly increased the level of safety for the bicyclists and workers. Bicycles average 4-8 miles per hour up the steep grade of FS Road 45. The average speed of the piloted traffic is 35 miles per hour. This difference in speeds creates dangerous gaps in the pilot line. By separately piloting bicycles, the pilot car is able to monitor the bicyclists progress through the work-zone and alert truck drivers of how many bikes and at what speed they are traveling. Oakridge Sand & Gravel's number one priority is safety and will indefinitely continue to pilot bicycles on the hour and half-hour.

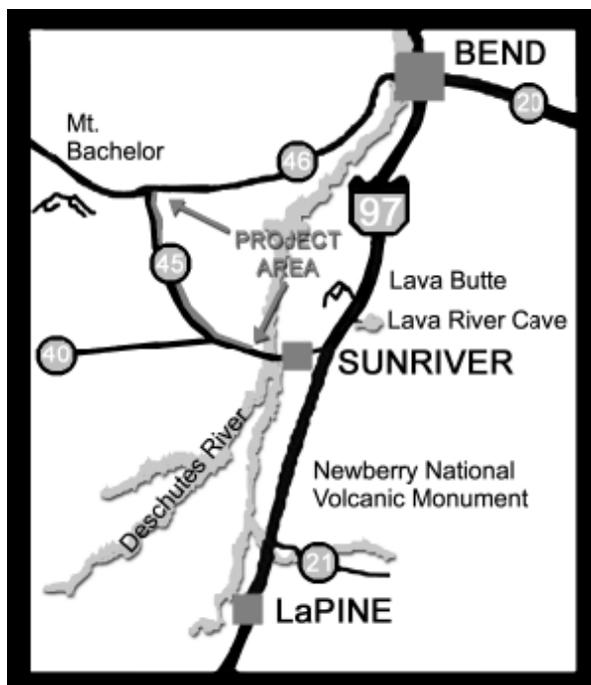
Coming Up

Oakridge Sand & Gravel will continue to work their way 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 31st and August 11th.

Please read above for details on bicycle delays.

