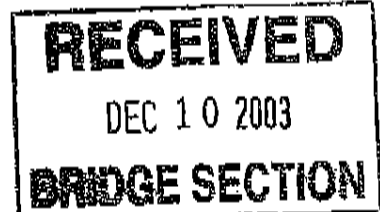


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Oregon Department of Transportation  
ATTN: Bob Thompson, ODOT Bridge Section  
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Salem, OR 97301

SUBJECT: Local Bridge Application Information Request

Dear Bob:

We would like to add further input to the OTIAIII/HBRR Bridge Applications for Grant County, which we submitted earlier.

We felt it important to inform you that we recently received notification of serious or critical load ratings in two of the bridges that we submitted. They are as follows:

- 1) Middle Fork John Day River ( Co. Rd 15) Bridge # 08481  
**This bridge was calculated to have NO capacity, and closure is recommended.**
- 2) Middle Fork John Day River ( Co. Rd 15) Bridge # 07969A  
**This bridge is calculated to have a very restricted load rating as follows:**  
Type 3, 7 Ton; Type 3S2, 22 Ton;  
Type 3-3, 12.8 Ton.

We feel that these two bridges are VITAL to the area, as they are on the only route into that area. We have 180 days to address these critical issues, and with no alternate detour routes, and if we are unsuccessful to remedy, thus would cause us to close the bridge(s), which would prompt the commercial hauling and residents travel to totally cease. We feel this would be a very adverse condition to add to this already very depressed economy. We are in the process of looking at all the options available, and your consideration in these bridges would be greatly appreciated.

We also verified the figures that we supplied on our application for all the bridges. We conducted traffic counts in July, and those figures were used in our prospectus.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

  
Mark Hensley  
Grant County Road Master

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