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Mr. Bob Thompson  
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Re: Lincoln County's Siletz River (Logsdan Road) Bridge #854A  
Request for Updated Information, Applicants for OTIA III Bridge Funding  
Letter from Doug Tindall, November 24, 2003

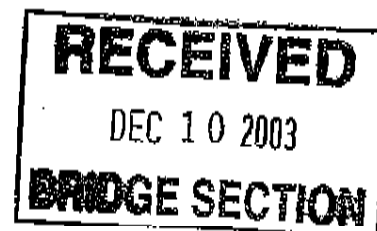
Dear Mr. Thompson,

The purpose of this letter is to provide the additional information requested by Doug Tindall in his letter of November 24, 2003, to applicants for OTIA III Bridge funding. He asked for information about the following as it relates to trucks and freight:

How is it used – This bridge is on the only paved route from the Newport-Toledo-Siletz area to the upper Siletz River basin and adjacent lands. Virtually all of this area is owned by private timber interests and continues to be actively logged. Typically, the bridge is used by logging and related operations. The trucks serving these operations are hauling logs, chips and heavy equipment. Plum Creek Timberlands operates a rock quarry approximately 1 mile from the bridge. They haul rock from the quarry over this bridge to other locations in the county. The Lincoln County Road Department buys maintenance rock from this quarry that is also hauled to other parts of the county. The Siletz Valley Rural Fire Protection District operates a substation approximately 100 yards easterly of the bridge. They use the bridge for operations in the direction of Siletz and to travel to the main station in Siletz. The main station uses the bridge to support the substation and substation operations easterly of the bridge. In the event of a significant forest fire in the area, State Forestry has arranged for using Lincoln County's Moonshine Park as a staging area. This bridge is on the most direct route from State Forestry's facilities in Toledo to the park.

Who uses it and when – It is used by logging operators, independent rock haulers hauling from the Plum Creek quarry, the Lincoln County Road Department, State Forestry and the Siletz Valley Rural Fire Protection District. Operations by all of these haulers occur year around. Although constant, the level of activity does vary based on need and time of year.

How it connects to other freight routes – As previously stated, this bridge is on the only paved route from the Newport-Toledo-Siletz area to the upper Siletz River basin and



adjacent areas. This route connects through State Highway 229 to US Route 20. It also connects to the railroad at Toledo.

How the truck average daily traffic was determined – Lincoln County has an active traffic count program. The department has data collected by counter. But in this case, I cite two observed counts performed by a department engineering technician. One was performed in June of 2003 resulting in a derived ADTT of 56. The other was performed in July of 2002 resulting in a derived ADTT of 104.

If you have additional questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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