



TRAFFIC ADVISORY

REMINDER: OR 6 to close for storm repair work

Complete closure of OR 6 near Tillamook/Washington County line planned for Jan. 26-28

REMINDER: The Oregon Department of Transportation plans to close OR 6 (Wilson River Highway) near the summit for up to 48 hours during the weekend of Jan. 26-28. The closure will allow a contractor to perform emergency repairs resulting from the December storms that caused severe highway slope damage.

The highway has sustained considerable damage at two locations:

- ◆ At milepost 30.8 (about 2 miles west of the Tillamook/Washington County line) high water on the Wilson River caused a slope failure leading to the loss of a section of the paved shoulder. The damage has been monitored closely for the past five weeks and ODOT officials are concerned that further undermining could result in damage to the travel lanes.
- ◆ The second damaged location is about ½-mile to the east, closer to the Summit than the other. It is also a slope failure resulting from excessive water runoff due to debris blockage of a culvert.

Elting Northwest Inc. of Gladstone, Ore. is the winning bidder for the OR 6 damage repair contract. Because a large crane and/or excavator will be needed to place numerous boulders weighing up to 90,000 pounds along the river's edge, the highway will need to be completely closed for up to 48 hours in order to accomplish the work in the safest, most efficient manner.

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The closure to ALL traffic (including bicyclists and pedestrians) at the damaged locations on OR 6 is scheduled to take place from 4 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, to 4 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 28. Once the highway is reopened on Jan. 28, traffic will be restricted to one lane with flaggers controlling both directions. This restriction is expected to last for approximately 1 week.

Passenger vehicle detour routes between Tillamook and Portland

During the complete closure, passenger-sized vehicles and light trucks can travel northbound U.S. 101 to northbound OR 53 to eastbound U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) for access between Tillamook and the Portland metropolitan area. Motorists can use the reverse route to travel from Portland to Tillamook. Please check www.tripcheck.com or call 5-1-1 for the latest detour route conditions before leaving.

Truck detour routes

Call ODOT's Motor Carrier division at 503.373.0000 for information on appropriate truck detours during the closure.

Emergency services

Emergency service providers have been consulted and will be able to maintain acceptable service levels, with LifeFlight standing by for critical cases.

ODOT thanks residents, travelers and freight carriers for their patience during this closure.

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