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Bateman Creek Culvert to be replaced on Wilson River Highway (OR 6)

Contractor crews for the Oregon Department of Transportation will soon begin replacing a culvert with a bridge on the Wilson River Highway (Oregon 6) near Lyda Drive (milepost 40.9). The existing culvert and fish ladder where Bateman and Gales Creeks join is impassable to fish. ODOT is partnering with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to remove fish passage barriers throughout the state, as part of ODOT's commitment to the *Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds* (visit <http://egov.oregon.gov/OPSW/>). The project should be completed by the end of October 2006.

Expect Delays!



- ◆ Traffic will be reduced to one lane **24 hours a day** from about Nov. 7, 2005 until about March 31, 2006; drivers should expect delays
- ◆ During the time of this lane reduction, a signal system will be used to control traffic (traffic will stop at traffic signals; the signals will control which direction of traffic uses the single open lane at any one time)
- ◆ Six full closures of about 20 minutes each will occur on OR 6 before March 31, 2006 as bridge beams are set in place; these will likely happen overnight
- ◆ Minor traffic impacts will occur intermittently from April 2006 through October 2006

Please drive cautiously in this work zone!

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