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## Access to Cooper Spur Road at OR 35 Closes Aug. 1

*The three-week closure is part of a project to reduce damage from debris flows*

Access to Cooper Spur Road will be closed at Oregon Highway 35 (Mount Hood Highway) on Aug. 1 for up to three weeks as part of the project to reduce damaging debris flows from Polallie Creek.

The closure is part of the Polallie Creek Bridge project, which will replace two culverts carrying the creek under OR 35. The area has seen numerous winter debris flows that damage the roads and bridges.

The closure will begin Monday Aug. 1 and last up to 21 days. Traffic on OR 35 itself will not be hindered.

**Detour:** During the closure, the southbound detour to the Cooper Spur area is south on OR 35 and right onto OR 281 (Cooper Spur Road). The northbound detour route is north on OR 35, left on Baseline Drive and left on Cooper Spur Road.

This \$2.1 million project will raise the roadway and bridge up four feet to better accommodate minor debris flows. The intersection closure will allow the contractor to construct approaches to the new roadway level. The new bridge will also create an open stream flow, providing unrestricted fish passage.

The contractor is JAL Construction Inc. of Bend. The completion date for the entire project is scheduled for November 2011. The Polallie Creek Bridge is located about 26 miles south of Hood River on OR 35 at milepost 73.9.



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