



TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Tree removal planned along Sunset Highway

ODOT will removed diseased trees Monday, Feb. 9-Friday, Feb. 13

A contractor for the Oregon Department of Transportation will remove diseased trees along the south side of U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) west of Timber Junction. Close to 300 trees located over a 1-mile area will be removed and recycled from **Monday, Feb. 9, to Friday, Feb. 13, between the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

ODOT and the Oregon Department of Forestry have identified trees with laminated root rot disease. The disease causes decay and death of anchoring roots, which could result in diseased trees falling onto the highway. After clearing away the diseased trees, ODOT will replant new all western red cedar trees, which are immune to laminated root rot.

The tree removal will cause intermittent lane closures in both directions of U.S. 26 and trucks and equipment entering the highway. **Motorists may experience delays on U.S. 26 between mile post 34 and mile post 36. Flaggers will be onsite to direct motorists.** Motorists should be aware of workers and equipment on the highway.

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