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## Tree-cutting getting under way on two projects

*Trees and brush will be replaced when US 26 construction projects are complete*

ODOT contractors will begin removing trees and brush this week from the site of two highway improvement projects getting under way this summer on U.S. 26 in Washington County

In both projects, ODOT needs to remove adjacent trees and brush before the bird nesting season, with the work done by the end of March. ODOT will re-plant the areas with native trees, shrubs and grasses once construction is done.

In one project, ODOT will replace the Glencoe Road bridge over U.S. 26 with a new four-lane bridge. The project will also lengthen and widen the U.S. 26 westbound exit ramp, improve pedestrian and bicycle connections and improve signals, striping and drainage.

Most of the clearing work will take place in the southwest and northeast quadrants. The clearing will take place between sunrise and sunset and will not have any impact on traffic, although travelers should expect some shoulder closures. The project should be finished in 2014.

In the second project, ODOT will build a new U.S. 26 bridge over West Fork Dairy Creek at milepost 46.3, about a mile east of OR 47/Staley's Junction. The tree and shrub removal will be needed to make way for a temporary bridge, which will help complete the project with a minimum of traffic disruption. The project should be finished in 2014.

Motorists should expect shoulder and lane closures. All work will take place during the day.

For more information on the Glencoe Road project, go to

[www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/glencoe/](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/glencoe/). For more information on the West Fork

Dairy Creek project, go to [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/26WFDairyCreek](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/26WFDairyCreek).

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