



Oregon Department of Transportation

NEWS RELEASE

Region 4 *Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Wheeler,
Deschutes, Crook, Klamath and Lake Counties*

Central Oregon Road Construction
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The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is continuing to invest in Oregon's future with roadway improvement projects throughout Oregon's central region (ODOT Region 4). ODOT is committed to providing safe, efficient transportation systems. The following projects reflect ODOT's commitment to make improvements as traffic numbers rise and to make the roadways safer and more efficient for drivers:

ALL WORK IS DEPENDENT UPON WEATHER

DESCHUTES COUNTY

US 97: Redmond Reroute, MP 118.8 to 122.2

Southbound Reroute projected to open on Monday June 23.

Ongoing construction work at the project that will require motorists to maintain heightened awareness of lane controls. Construction zone speed limit in effect. 35mph.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (US 97: Willowdale – Madras – Bundle 453)

US 97 (The Dalles-California Highway), MP 78.2, MP 78.5 & MP 90.1, north of Madras

High Desert Paving and Aggregate is working to replace an existing Bridge at Hay Creek, MP 78.2, with a multi-plate pipe, replacing a cattle pass culvert at MP 78.7, and replacing an Irrigation Canal Bridge, MP 90.1, with a box culvert.

During the week of June 23rd, the contractor will be performing miscellaneous cleanup work at Hay Creek, MP 78.2. No delays are expected.

**WHEELER COUNTY (US 26: Rush Creek – Antone – Bundle A51)
US 26 (Ochoco Highway), MP 45-50 & 60 – 81.6, Mitchell Area**

Tidewater, Inc. is working to replace two existing Bridges on Bridge Creek at approximate MP 65.7. One Bridge will be replaced this Summer (07) and the other will be replaced the following Summer (08). During bridge replacement traffic will be routed around a short detour adjacent to the bridges. The contractor will also be performing paving over the 36 mile project length to improve the existing pavement structure.

As of April 7th traffic was shifted to the detour as work on the bridge at MP 65.6 began. This detour is the same one utilized last year during the construction of the bridge at MP 65.8. There is no significant delay due to the detour. The two businesses between the bridges, Cannon's Tire Center & Route 26 Espresso will remain open during the detour. The detour will be in effect until the end of October 2008.

During the week of June 23rd, the contractor will be performing abutment construction.

**WASCO COUNTY (US 26: Wapinitia Jct. – Warm Springs River)
US 26 (Warm Springs Highway), MP 71 to MP 85**

Hooker Creek Asphalt and Paving, LLC is working to grind off the existing 2" to 3" wearing courses and pave back a new dense graded wearing course of various depths from 2" to 4" over the entire width of the roadway. During grinding and paving operations traffic will be controlled by flaggers. These operations will occur from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

During the week of June 23rd – June 29th, the contractor will be performing grinding and paving between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. Motorists can expect delays of less than twenty minutes.

**KLAMATH COUNTY
HIGHWAY 140 (Lake of the Woods Highway) Little Butte Creek –Great Meadow
Snow Park . MP 16.04 to MP 30.92 and MP 37.0 to MP 37.7**

Construction of guardrail, guardrail flares, pipes, ditches and erosion control work will be performed between MP 16 and MP 37.7

At MP 18.2 Bridge Construction - One lane Traffic controlled by flaggers 24 Hrs a day.

Motorists can expect delays up to 20 minutes.

**Highway 140: (Klamath Falls – Lakeview Highway)
Drews Creek Fish Passage, MP 71.5**

Surveying, clearing and grubbing and the installation of erosion control.
Motorists can expect minor delays.

LAKE COUNTY

US395 MP 73 to 90 and from 120 to 128.

Chip seal project, through June 26. Full traffic control and motorists can expect up to 20 minute delays.

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