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

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## **Coffees with ODOT to begin July 8 in Sunriver**

July 8, 2009 – 9 a.m.

Mavericks at Sunriver

18135 Cottonwood Road

SUNRIVER - Commuters, residents of Sunriver and other interested motorists are encouraged to join Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) officials for “**Coffee with ODOT**” **beginning Wednesday, July 8, at Mavericks in Sunriver.** The Coffees will be at 9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions and present concerns regarding the ongoing US 97 Lava Butte to South Century Drive 4-lane construction project.

### **About the Lava Butte to South Century Drive 4-lane project:**

The three year and \$16 million project will extend the four lanes from Lava Butte to South Century Drive on US 97, and improve the access to Lava River Cave and the Lava Lands Visitors Center. Work is already underway but will begin in earnest in July.

The first major traffic change will occur July 20 when the northbound off-ramp at Cottonwood Road is closed. Traffic normally using this ramp will be detoured onto South Century Drive and through Sunriver back to Cottonwood Road. The closure will be in affect until June 2010 when the new northbound lanes open to traffic.

The project is scheduled to be completed in the fall 2011. The contractor is Hap Taylor & Sons dba Knife River.

For more information, visit the project website at:

[http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION4/US97\\_Lava\\_Butte\\_South\\_Century\\_Drive/US97LavaButte\\_SouthCenturyDrive.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION4/US97_Lava_Butte_South_Century_Drive/US97LavaButte_SouthCenturyDrive.shtml)

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