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Repairs Begin on OR Hwy. 140, West of Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS – Oregon Department of Transportation engineers and maintenance crews have been working around the clock with other groups to assess damages and design repairs to a 3,000-foot-long sections of Oregon Highway 140 west of Klamath Falls. The roadway was impacted when a nearby dike broke, flooding thousands of acres along the north side of the highway. The highway, which has been closed since Wednesday afternoon, is expected to be open to single lane traffic by Sunday afternoon.

ODOT, working with Pacific Corp. and their contractor, Hap Taylor and Sons of Bend, Oregon, are reinforcing about 2,000 feet of highway base on the south side of the road. After the work is complete, one lane of traffic will be open and vehicles escorted through the work area via flaggers and pilot cars. Before the route is open to two-lane traffic, concrete barrier and fill material will be placed along the north shoulder to help prevent erosion and improve safety for travelers.

ODOT will continue to monitor the roadway during the construction work and may restrict traffic further, as necessary.

The route is not expected to be open to two-lane traffic until late next week.

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