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Construction re-starts on OR 35 Polallie Creek Bridge Replacement

Construction re-starts next week on the replacement of the Polallie Creek Bridge on Oregon Highway 35 (Mt. Hood Highway). The ODOT contractor, JAL Construction Inc. of Bend, will turn on the temporary traffic signals at the intersection of Highway 35 and Cooper Spur Road. Traffic on Highway 35 will be restricted to one lane for ¼-mile and controlled by these temporary signals until the work is finished in November 2011. ODOT expects minimal delays on Highway 35 during this work.

The Polallie Creek Bridge project is located on Highway 35, at milepost 73.9, approximately 26 miles south of Hood River. Construction started last summer, the contractor suspended during the winter months.

Summer Intersection Closure

In mid-summer 2011, the intersection of Highway 35 and Cooper Spur Road will close for 3½ weeks. The closure allows the contractor to construct the approaches to the new level of the roadway. During this closure, vehicles will detour north on Highway 35 and connect with Baseline Road to get to Cooper Spur Road.

Project Background

This \$2.1 million project replaces two culverts, which currently carry Polallie Creek under Highway 35, with a single span bridge structure. In the past, this area has experienced debris flows in the winter damaging the roads and bridges. This project will raise the roadway and bridge up 4 feet to better accommodate minor debris flows. The new bridge will also create an open stream flow, providing unrestricted fish passage. The bridge will be constructed in two parts, each side at a time and after which the two sides will be joined.

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