



# PROJECT NEWSLETTER

## Fall 2009



### Project Update

ODOT has spent the past several months since the open house conducting further environmental studies of the project. We have begun incorporating these results into the Environmental Assessment, which is scheduled to be released in Spring 2010. We've prepared this newsletter to keep you informed about our initial findings and the project's progress.

#### What is the purpose of this project?

To improve conditions on OR 140 from Ritter Road to Deer Run Road, by addressing safety concerns, improving pavement conditions, and facilitating freight transportation.

#### How will this be done?

- By widening roadway shoulders
- By straightening roadway curves
- By realigning the Bly Mountain Cutoff Road intersection

#### When will the project be completed?

Environmental Assessment:

Spring 2010

Preliminary and Final Engineering: 2011

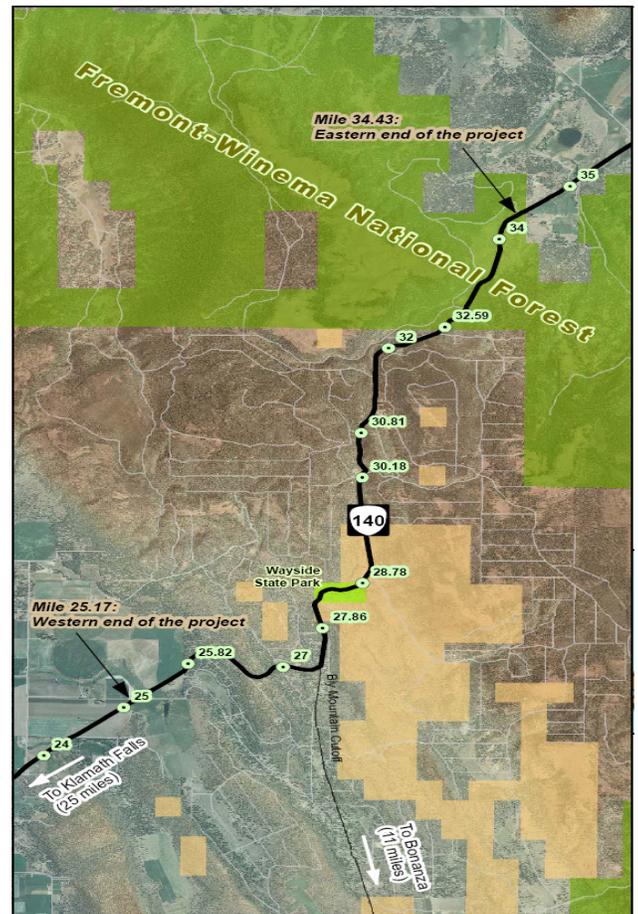
Construction begins: 2012

### Preliminary Findings of the Environmental Analyses

ODOT has completed analyses of the project's impacts to environmental resources. Here are the preliminary findings:

Air Quality	Air quality in the area is excellent, and would not change as a result of the project.
Biology	The project would not result in a significant change to habitat for plants or wildlife.
Cultural Resources	ODOT is working with the Klamath Tribes regarding cultural resources in the project area.
Geology	The project may result in some short-term impacts, including increased erosion and dust generated from construction. However, this is not expected to significantly change the geologic environment in the area.
Hazardous Materials	No hazardous materials sites have been identified in the project area.
Historic Resources	The project would not impact any historic resources in the area.
Land Use	The project would not significantly change land uses in the project area.
Noise	The project would result in some short-term noise during construction, but would not result in a long-term change in the amount of noise that comes from the highway.
Right-of-way	The project would not result in displacement of any residents or businesses.
Socio-economics	The project would not adversely impact residents or businesses along the corridor, and would provide some short-term benefits to the region as jobs are created for the construction phase of this project.
Traffic	The project would not result in a significant amount of new traffic.
Utilities	ODOT will work with CenturyTel and Pacific Power during the final engineering phase of the project to relocate any utilities, if necessary.
Visual Resources	The project would not significantly alter the visual features or views in the area.
Water Resources	The project would result in improved treatment of pollution runoff from the roadway.

### Project Vicinity



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