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Members of the 80th Oregon Legislative Assembly
900 Court Street NE
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RE: HB 2835 (Waterway Restrictions) Report to Legislature

Dear Members of Oregon's 80th Legislative Assembly:

During the 2019 legislative session, the Legislature passed House Bill 2835, which, among other things, required state agencies report on certain closures, restrictions, and access modifications of certain public access sites for recreational use of certain waterways. House Bill 2835 requires annual submission of this report by January 1 of each calendar year.

The Oregon Department of Transportation does not maintain public access sites (as defined by House Bill 2835 (2019)), but through the course of regular project and maintenance work, may restrict or close access to a road or site that the public uses to access a floatable natural waterway. These restrictions or closures are generally temporary, lasting less than one day. This map (<https://arcg.is/OvifKu>) shows the restrictions or closures that occurred from September 29, 2019 (the effective date of the legislation) to December 12, 2019. During this time there were 60 closures or restrictions resulting from general roadway maintenance activities and one closure due to geotechnical exploration required for project development. Closures lasting one hour or less and temporary closures resulting from traffic crashes were excluded from this list.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Link: <https://arcg.is/OvifKu>