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TO: ALL HOLDERS OF ANNUAL OVERWIDTH PERMITS

FROM: Christy Jordan, Manager
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SUBJECT: **Updated Attachment 100A: New Requirement - Loads Over 12' Wide Traveling Through Sisters**

You are receiving this letter because our records indicate you have an annual overwidth permit(s). We need to make you aware of a new requirement when hauling loads over 12'00" wide on US20/OR126 through downtown Sisters.

Prior to traveling through Sisters, if your load exceeds 12'00" in width, the lead pilot car operator will need to ensure there is not another load over 12'00" in width traveling in the opposite direction through this area at the same time you are moving through. The following language has been added to Attachment 100A in the Route Map 6 section (for movement of mobile/modular units), and in the Route Map 9 section (for movement of all other non-divisible loads):

The movement of two wide loads each exceeding 12 feet in width traveling in opposing directions through the City of Sisters is not allowed through a six block section of the downtown merchant area between South Pine Street and South Larch Street due to horizontal width constraints.

The lead pilot vehicle operator is responsible for ensuring that there are no oversize load over 12' in width entering this restricted section from the opposite direction before the permitted vehicle enters the width restricted section.

Pilot vehicles escorting wide loads exceeding 12' in width must announce their approaching presence on CB radio channel 17 prior to entering the six block section of the downtown merchant area between South Pine Street and South Larch Street.

In the event of an oncoming oversize load, one of the lead pilot vehicle operators must direct his piloted load to wait and allow the approaching oversize load to pass safely before proceeding.

Please make your drivers and pilot car operators aware of this new requirement, and replace your existing Attachment 100A which accompanies your annual overwidth permit with a copy of the enclosed updated Attachment 100A.

This new requirement comes as a result of the Sisters US20 Cascade Avenue project, which made the following improvements:

- Reconstructing/widening sidewalks
- Improving pedestrian crossings at intersections which included installing "bulb outs"
- Upgrading ADA ramps
- Grinding out and repaving Cascade Avenue
- Widening the roadway width at the intersection of Barclay Drive and Locust Street to help facilitate freight turning movements

For questions, please contact the Over-Dimension Permit Unit Monday-Friday between 7 am and 5 pm at (503) 373-0000.