

# **Agness – Illahe Road Construction News**

**June 13, 2003**

*This project is located approximately 30 miles up the Rogue River from Gold Beach, Oregon. This project consists of a complete highway reconstruction of approximately 3.5 miles of roadway. The project begins at the intersection of Curry County Road Number 375 and Forest Service Road 33 and continues along the Rogue River to Foster Bar. This work will consist of mechanically stabilized earth walls, rock buttresses, rockery walls, drainage structures, guardrail, and paving. When finished there will be one full lane with many new turnouts and viewpoints, which will improve traffic flow along the river. October 2002 the Federal Highway Administration awarded a \$4.34 million contract to Roy E. Ladd Construction of Redding, California. The completion date for this project is October 2003.*

**ROAD CLOSURES WILL CONTINUE.** *This will pose the following schedule: 1 HOUR DELAYS MONDAY 6:00am to 6:00pm, ROAD CLOSED 8:00AM TUESDAY TO 5:00PM THURSDAY, 1 HOUR DELAYS FRIDAY 6:00am to 6:00pm with no weekend work. This schedule will continue until these retaining walls are complete. While the Illahe road is closed there will be a clearly signed detour route to Foster Bar via Agness Pass. If coming from the Rogue Valley it is suggested to use the Eden Valley route rather than the Bear Camp route. New signs along this route have been installed to clearly mark the route and printable maps are available on the project website [www.agness-road.com](http://www.agness-road.com).*

*For the week of June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Ladd will begin to excavate for our first wall near the beginning of the project. This will create yet another shift of traffic in the middle of the project. Work will continue to construct the embankment for the intersection and the start of the project. On Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> crews will also place embankment at the east end of the project in the areas of the current switch-backs. Excavation is also expected to begin in the narrows located near the Illahe Campground. The Lone Tree culvert is nearly backfilled and traffic is expected to drive this new alignment soon. The roadway is greatly changing by the day, so please be alert watching for the changing road conditions.*

*Due to safety concerns the Forest Service Illahe Campground located in the middle of the project is closed to the public until completion of the project.*

*Federal Highway has a web page that this and all future newsletters, maps, and project photos will be posted at. The easy web address pointer is [www.agness-road.org](http://www.agness-road.org).*

*All problems, concerns, and questions should be directed to the Federal Highway Administration's Project Engineer currently located in Gold Beach, OR:*

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