

Highway 35



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The construction season is fast approaching and considering the amount of work scheduled this year the contractor is now in the process of opening access into the White River area. They moved in a dozer and excavator on Monday in order to gain access to both White River and Green Apple bridges. Last year at the close of the season the bridge subcontractor decided to store their materials for the coming year in several locations well away from the snow and sanding rock being plowed off the road by Oregon Department of Transportation. However lacking vision as to what the site would look like after late snows and snow drifts the bridge subcontractor is now faced with having to locate and dig out

their stockpiled material. The dozer and excavator can only go so far in that search as its possible they could end up damaging what their looking for. The project superintendent said, the subcontractor was bringing in a steam plant to help melt snow to locate and extract their materials. We understand the steam will also be used to melt snow that is accumulated at the bridge ends.

Snow removal will likely continue into next week as the contractor will open an access road under the White River Bridge then onto their stockpiles of backfill material stored downriver from the bridge. The other snow removal scheduled involves opening the road into Tamarack Quarry. The Quarry contains stockpiles produced last year specifically for roadway aggregate. In order to gain access the contractor will be opening the road all the way to Trillium Lake and including the parking lot. It's a trade off; removing the snow from the road will close the recreation opportunity afforded to snow shoe and cross country enthusiasts, but opens up the lake to those that enjoy the early season tranquility of Trillium Lake with snow. Other roads coming off the Trillium Lake Road will still afford cross country opportunities. The upper photo taken this week is the access road along the bridges. The lower photo is looking down the FS48 Road that ends for now into huge wall of snow. With only snow removal taking place for now, you will not see any traffic control next week on Highway 35.



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