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North Bank Lane Newsletter

Progress Report

Due to an unexpected delay in culvert delivery, the road closure on North Bank Lane has been modified. The structural plate culvert for Fahys Creek has been fabricated in Pennsylvania later than expected and did not arrive onsite until today. As a result N. Bank Lane will be closed again between August 23 and August 31 or when the Fahys Creek culvert is installed, whichever comes first. The road closure will be on North Bank Lane between the intersection with Fahys Road and the Ni-les'tun Overlook area at the Bandon Marsh Headquarters. Randolph Road will be used as a detour to Rocky Point Boat Ramp and further access east on North Bank Lane. Please reference the attached map for road closure locations. Tidewater completed placement of streambed material inside the new 10-foot diameter culvert at Redd Creek, and subsequently, under a separate contract, Knife River Construction redirected Redd Creek into the new culvert and streambed material. Tidewater is finished hauling embankment material to the Redd Creek grade raise section and is preparing it for a temporary gravel surface that will exist until next July after the embankment has had a chance to settle out. Tidewater has continued placing embankment material near Fahys Creek to raise the road grade elevation in that area and also installed a temporary diversion culvert for Fahys Creek. Tidewater will be applying a soil tackifier emulsion to the exposed dirt slopes the week of August 23, to prevent erosion until permanent slope treatment can be accomplished later this fall. **Please use caution on Randolph Road on the steep grade and curves approaching the intersection with North Bank Lane. Road closure, delays, and other pertinent information regarding the road construction activities will be posted weekly in this newsletter.**

Project Background

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD) is implementing the Ni-les'tun Unit of the Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge Wetland Restoration and North Bank Lane Improvement Project (Project) near the Town of Bandon, Oregon. North Bank Lane runs from US Highway 101 to US Highway 42 as shown on the attached map. North Bank Lane provides access to the Unit in the Refuge. In order for the USFWS to fully implement its proposed tidal wetland restoration portion of the Project, improvements needed to be made to North Bank Lane. Currently North Bank Lane floods annually at the low elevation crossings of Fahys and Redd creeks during winter storms.

Construction activities for the tidal wetland restoration portion of the project began in 2009 and will be completed in 2010. For up-to-date information about the tidal restoration activities please see the USFWS blog at <http://www.fws.gov/oregoncoast/bandonmarsh/restoration/index.cfm>

Go online for more information and to read old newsletters at <http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/>



Contractor's Work Schedule

Monday – Saturday: Hours: 7am – 7pm

Traffic Delay Information

N. Bank Lane will be Closed beginning August 23, see above for details



