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North Umpqua Highway Newsletter

Progress Report

Paving is expected to begin after Labor Day. The contractor is continuing to work downhill from the top of project between Mile Post 67.1 and Fish Creek Bridge (MP 55.9). The work consists of grading work on the slopes, ditches, and shoulders to prepare for widening of the road throughout this area. They have also constructed sections of special rock embankment on the embankment slopes for reinforcement. The contractor has also constructed many new amended ditches while the US Forest Service has worked to seed, irrigate and establish native vegetation to prevent erosion in the newly constructed ditches. Many new sections of guardrail have also been installed along with new culverts under the roadway. Please note that the edge of existing asphalt is right near the white fog line and a few feet of gravel exists between the pavement and the face of guardrail. This situation will exist for a couple more weeks. Between Watson Falls (MP 61.3) and Whitehorse Falls (MP 66.1), sections of asphalt/base repair will be in progress. **Expect patches of gravel** in the roadway in this section and increasing during the next few weeks. These areas are expected to begin being paved back the week of September 12th. The widened shoulders are expected to begin paved back the week after Labor Day beginning September 6th. The contractor will continue working at Fish Creek Bridge on the east bound lane installing upgraded curbs and bridge rail that will effectively widen the travel lanes on the bridge. A temporary traffic signal will continue operating at the Fish Creek Bridge to allow alternating one-way traffic through the work zone. .

Flaggers and two pilot cars will continue to provide alternating one-way traffic through multiple work zones to facilitate public traffic during work hours. Please observe the “Wait for Pilot Car” signs that are posted on all of the side roads along the work zone. Expect Traffic Delays of 20 minutes.

Heavy Truck traffic on Forest Road 37 (Fish Creek Rd/Watson Falls) will continue throughout most of the summer. The trucks will be travelling on the 14-mile stretch of Forest Road 37 that runs north/south between Boundary Pit and Hwy 138. Please exercise caution and drive carefully if you plan travel on Forest Road 37. Additionally, heavy truck traffic will also be on the first 2.4 miles of Forest Road 28 (Copeland Creek Rd). Dump trucks will be hauling excavated material from Highway 138 to stockpile at the Foster Quarry site off of Forest Road 2801. Please exercise caution and drive carefully if you plan to travel on Forest Road 28 (Copeland Creek Rd). We will provide notice of any work hours change in future newsletters.

The contractor will be working Monday thru Friday with the exception of no work on Labor Day.

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



Contractor’s Work Schedule

Monday thru Friday: Hours: 6:30am – 7pm

Traffic Delay Information

Expect 20 minute delays

