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## North Umpqua Highway Newsletter

### Progress Report

Work for the 2012 construction season is expected to resume the week of April 16, 2012. The contractor will begin working on a new retaining wall between approximate Mileposts 57.5 and 57.6. Flaggers and a pilot car will provide alternating one-way traffic through the work zone to facilitate public traffic during work hours. A temporary traffic signal will be operating at this location during non-work hours to allow alternating one-way traffic through the work zone during non-work hours. The signal is expected to be installed on April 17<sup>th</sup> and will be operating for approximately one month at this location.

A temporary traffic signal is expected to be used at two additional locations this season: for bridge railing work between Mileposts 58.5 – 58.6 and a retaining wall near Milepost 60.0 later in May and June.

The remaining culvert work, shoulder widening and paving, base lift paving and top lift paving on the entire 14 miles of the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of September 2012.

### Project Background

The North Umpqua Highway project is located entirely within the Umpqua National Forest in Douglas County, in southwestern Oregon. The project begins above Dry Creek at MP 52.8 along State Highway 138 east of Roseburg and ends at MP 67.2 near Stump Lake. It is an east-west, two-lane rural state-owned arterial roadway, providing principle access to over half of the Umpqua National Forest. This is also known as Forest Highway 47 (FH 47). Much of the highway parallels the North Umpqua River, which is designated as a Federal Wild and Scenic River and also a State Scenic Waterway. The total project length is approximately 14.4 miles.

The Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is planning to complete the construction by Fall of 2012.

The proposed improvements consist of upgrading the existing North Umpqua Highway to a safe, two-lane roadway consistent with AASHTO and ODOT design and safety standards. The proposed work will generally be along the existing road, although minor horizontal and vertical alignment changes may be necessary to provide a more uniform driving experience and safe travel speeds. This roadway section is located between two improved, widened sections and proposed improvements should be consistent with the adjoining sections of highway.

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



### Contractor's Work Schedule

April 16<sup>th</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup>

Monday thru Thursday: Hours: 7am – 5pm

### Traffic Delay Information

Expect 10 minute delays with occasional delays up to 20 minutes

