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## North Umpqua Highway Newsletter

### Progress Report

Paving was completed on September 7, 2012. Striping, guardrail adjustments and sign installation work continued until project work was substantially complete on September 27, 2012. Punch-list work and cleanup continued until mid-November. The contractor returned to the site on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> to install new bridge joint seals on Fish Creek Bridge, Penstock Bridge and Toketee Point Half-Viaduct that were additional work items per a change order. The contractor returned to the site a final time in December to install new chain-link, rock-fall fence on top of the new concrete barrier in the S-curves below Medicine Creek near Milepost 54. The new chain-link fence was part of a change order that delayed the material delivery until December. As of December 14, 2012 all work on the project is complete.

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration, Western Federal Lands Highway Division, we thank you for your patience and cooperation during the construction of this project. We hope you enjoy the improved segment of road between Milepost 52.8 and 67.2.

### 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.

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### Contractor's Work Schedule

Project is Complete

