

Preclearance activity sets new record in 2007

Truckers traveling in Oregon saved an estimated 124,800 hours of travel time and \$14.7 million in fuel, wear and tear, and other operating costs as they got the go ahead to bypass weigh stations 1,498,042 times in 2007. Preclearance activity was up in every quarter and finished with a new record total that is 11% greater than 2006 and 8% greater than the previous record in 2005.

A total of 21 Green Light systems were operational throughout 2007. For the second year in a row, the Wilbur weigh station on I-5 in Southern Oregon was closed and could not contribute to preclearance numbers. That station and its Green Light system is still scheduled to be relocated at some point in the near future. The southbound I-5 Woodburn Port of Entry was the busiest of the Oregon Green Light sites in 2007, preclearing trucks 393,214 times. It had more than twice the activity of the next busiest site, the northbound I-5 Ashland Port of Entry.

Green Light uses weigh-in-motion scales and transponder readers to screen trucks as they approach a weigh station. It increases a station's capacity without physically expanding the facility, providing efficiencies for state regulators. But the trucking industry enjoys tangible benefits because operating a heavy truck is estimated to cost \$1.96 per minute and stopping at a weigh station can take five minutes. On that basis, truckers saved 762,000 hours of travel time and \$90 million in operating costs in the past nine years as they cleared Oregon weigh stations a total of 9,143,533 times.

Oregon started keeping track of green lights in January 1999 when it had four weigh stations preclearing an average of 51 trucks a day. In 2007, the 21 stations with Green Light precleared an average of 4,100 trucks a day. The program is now on track to preclear its 10-millionth truck in August 2008.

Green Light uses the same technology used in weigh station preclearance systems all around the country. Green Light transponders can be used in any other state. Truckers just need to enroll with the state and agree to the terms and conditions of its system.

A total of 4,013 trucking companies now participate in Green Light and they have transponders in 40,606 trucks. The Oregon Department of Transportation is distributing transponders at no cost to companies with trucks that regularly stop at Green Light weigh stations. For more information, contact the Motor Carrier Division at 503-378-6054.



Green Light Weigh Stations

Site

Interstate 5

Woodburn Port of Entry, Southbound
Woodburn Weigh Station, Northbound
Ashland Port of Entry, Northbound
Ashland Weigh Station, Southbound
Booth Ranch Weigh Station, Northbound

Interstate 82

Umatilla Port of Entry, Southbound

Interstate 84

Farewell Bend Port of Entry, Westbound
Olds Ferry Weigh Station, Eastbound
La Grande Weigh Station, Eastbound
Emigrant Hill Weigh Station, Westbound
Cascade Locks Port of Entry, Eastbound
Wyeth Weigh Station, Westbound

US Highway 97

Juniper Butte Weigh Station, Northbound
Juniper Butte Weigh Station, Southbound
Bend Weigh Station, Northbound
Klamath Falls Port of Entry, Northbound
Klamath Falls Weigh Station, Southbound

OR Highway 58

Lowell Weigh Station, Westbound

US Highway 26

Brightwood Weigh Station, Westbound
Brightwood Weigh Station, Eastbound

US Highway 30

Rocky Point Weigh Station, Westbound