

# WESTERN FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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## **POWERS/AGNESS ROAD NEWSLETTER**

### **Project Background**

The Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Coos County Highway Department and the US Forest Service, has established a project on the Powers-Agness Highway (County Road 90). Tidewater Contractors is beginning construction this summer on the two-year project. The project area lies between the city of Powers and the Siskiyou National Forest boundary. The beginning point of the project is at the southern city limits of Powers; its end point is four miles south of the city, where the highway enters the Siskiyou National Forest. Coos County Road 90 is on the east side of the South Fork Coquille River throughout the project area and is adjacent to the river in several locations.

The purposes of the project are: to maintain access to National Forest lands, as well as recreation, commercial, and residential uses in the project vicinity; to improve safety and drainage; and to reduce maintenance needs. These objectives will be accomplished by extending the life of the pavement, realigning certain sections of the roadway, replacing culverts, repairing or avoiding unstable slope areas, constructing four Reinforced Soil Slope walls to prevent slides, and building a bridge to extend over Hayes Creek. All construction activities will occur during the normal construction season. To respect and preserve the natural and historical significance of affected sections, Tidewater and FHWA will be working closely with archeological and environmental professionals who are familiar with the area throughout the project timeline. A project map can be found on page 3.

### **Progress Report**

Over the past week construction on the project included the following. Crews have been performing survey and staking, installing temporary fence in the staging area, and starting to clear and excavate the realignment at the beginning of the project. Furthermore, utility crews have been relocating wires on site concurrently with Tidewater.

### **Construction Progression (for the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>)**

Clearing, grubbing and initial excavation of the property near Hayes Creek will begin this upcoming week. There will also be excavation in the realignment section near the beginning of the project.

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## **Traffic Information**

As construction activities continue this upcoming week, expect delays of less than 30 minutes. Following construction requirements, flaggers will be on the project during construction periods to direct traffic.

## **Contractor's Work Schedule**

Monday thru Thursday, Hours: 7am – 6pm

*Newsletters can be accessed at [http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/powers\\_agness](http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/powers_agness)*

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