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*****ROAD CLOSURE UPDATE*****

LITTLE RIVER ROAD CLOSURE

(Roseburg, Ore.) – December 18, 2017 – Due to predicted winter weather conditions, Douglas County Public Works Department will open the road to one lane tomorrow. Construction and flagging crews will be on site helping with through-traffic, and ensuring safety for the motoring public while construction continues this week.

Douglas County Public Works and Triptych Construction are working amidst very dangerous conditions to remove immediate hazards for an interim fix, until more funding can be secured. In conjunction with the Umpqua National Forest, a rock slide at mile marker 24.4 closed Little River Road Friday, December 1, 2017.

Douglas County Public Works secured a contract with Triptych Construction who specializes in rock fall mitigation; a company that is located in Douglas County. Douglas County is also working with the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) to investigate alternative funding sources for a long-term fix.

Before the closure, Douglas County Public Works made personal contact with each resident affected by the detour, and made sure emergency vehicles could still access residents if necessary. Traffic is detoured through almost 8 miles of National Forest, and private roadways owned by Seneca Jones Timber Company; roadways are monitored daily by Douglas County Public Works. Detour signage is present, however, this will increase drive time at least 30 minutes.

Because of the elevation and terrain, plow crews will clear the roadways if it snows. However, the cooperating agencies are asking motorists to use caution through the detour, around snow plows (if present), or to please avoid the area altogether, as safety is always a priority for the motoring public.

Douglas County appreciates cooperation from Seneca Jones Timber for the use of a section of their private roadway to provide detours during the mitigation and maintenance.

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