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

LITTLE RIVER ROAD CLOSURE

(Roseburg, OR) – December 5, 2017 – In conjunction with the Umpqua National Forest, a rock slide closed Little River Road last 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 Commissioners will discuss the contract in tomorrow's Board of Commissioner's meeting at 9 a.m., located at the Douglas County Courthouse, Room 216.

Douglas County Public Works crews are working tirelessly alongside Triptych Construction to make sure the slide mitigation is done in a safe and timely manner. If the contract is accepted and signed tomorrow by the Board of Commissioners, crews are cautiously optimistic the road could reopen within 2-3 weeks.

Last week, 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. 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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