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ECKMAN CREEK ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT AND ROAD CLOSURE

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Eckman Creek Road Will Be Closed At Mp 1.1 From July 9th To July 30th, 2018. A project meeting will be held at Waldport City Hall on June 4th, 2018 at 6:00 pm to explain the project, address any concerns and answer questions.

A severe winter storm hit the Oregon Coast during December of 2015. Heavy rainfall caused flooding and initiated landslides throughout Lincoln County. Runoff from the mountainous area east of Eckman road converged at the entrance of the twelve foot diameter culvert beneath the road. Rocks, limbs and other debris jammed inside the culvert causing severe damage to its structure, reducing the culvert's flow capacity and causing a rise of flood water until a torrent spilled over the top taking a good section of county road with it. County technicians reduced the threat of complete road failure by notching a section of the roadway and installing a four foot diameter bypass pipe. Since that time, the section of Eckman road above the creek remains a single travel lane with concrete barriers acting as guardrails.

The winter storm of 2015 was declared a disaster event by local, state and federal authorities. Lincoln County Public Works has been working with FEMA to secure funding, address environmental concerns, obtain permits, and complete engineering plans. The damaged 12 foot culvert will be replaced with a 36 foot span, 11' 8" rise precast concrete pipe arch. The project has been advertised and awarded to JRT Construction. **On site construction activities will begin on June 18, 2018.**

ECKMAN CREEK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED AT MP 1.1 FROM JULY 9TH TO JULY 30TH, 2018. During this time you must use a detour route starting at the end of County Maintenance on Eckman Creek Road (MP 1.6) to USFS RD 5360 to USFS RD 1045 to W. Dicks Fork LN to Hwy 101. The detour route will be clearly signed and the forest roads will be graded and cleared of vegetation. **The public is invited: a project meeting will be held at Waldport City Hall on June 4th, 2018 at 6:00 pm to explain the project, address any concerns and answer questions.**

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