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PEBBLE CREEK BRIDGE WEIGHT LIMIT

On April 26, 2010, the Columbia County Road Department will post a weight limit of 3 tons on the Pebble Creek Bridge. An additional sign will be posted warning trucks of the weight limit at the intersection of Highway 47 and Pebble Creek Road.

The Pebble Creek Bridge is a 176-foot long, 28-foot wide, 7 span structure on Pebble Creek Road in Vernonia 0.75 miles from Highway 47. During the last bridge inspection serious deterioration was found in one of the piles supporting the bridge. Pebble Creek Bridge has been Load Rated by ODOT stating that the Bridge needs to be posted at a weight limit of 3 tons.

Returning the bridge to an operational load capable to handle emergency service vehicles and school buses is the Road Departments priority. The Department plans to begin repairs on July 1 and expects to have them completed on August 1, 2010, in time for the beginning of the new school year in September. The repairs will involve the replacement of two piles and support the sub-structure to return the bridge to a working condition. Repairs cannot be started until July 1st because of Oregon Department Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) fish protection regulations for in-stream work.

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