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SCAPPOOSE-VERNONIA HWY CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY AUGUST 26TH

A culvert replacement and roadway re-paving project will get underway on August 26th that will result in temporary lane closures on Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy 3 miles from Highway 47. The construction work will take place between mileposts 2.5 and 3.5 and requires lane closure during the daytime. Expect up to 15-minute lane closures during construction.

The scope of work includes replacement of existing culvert to allow more juvenile fish to migrate up stream to better spawning habitat. The total project cost is \$482,350.99 with the funding coming from multiple grant sources stemming from the hard work of the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council. The grant sources are Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, \$389,350; US Fish and Wildlife Service, \$43,000; and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, \$50,000. The only work being completed by the Columbia County Road Department is the implementation of the contract. The project construction contract has been awarded to TFT Construction, Inc. of Scappoose with Lower Columbia Engineering designing and managing the project.

Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy is a significant road in Columbia County linking the Scappoose area to the Vernonia, Mist/Birkenfeld areas. The County Road Department has focused on improving and repairing the roadway over the last few years to improve public safety and the haul abilities of the roadway. The primary work of replacing the culvert will bring the roadway crossing to standards set by the regulatory permitting agencies.

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