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Safety Improvements for Row River National Recreation Trail

(Eugene, OR) Visitors to the Row River National Recreation Trail should expect reroutes and short, temporary closures up to 5 days this spring and summer for safety improvements to the Row River Trail. One section of the trail is being realigned and a new undercrossing is being constructed to improve safety at locations where the trail crosses Lane County roads. Construction will begin in late April and run through early October.

Reconstruction of the trail will occur at two crossings, and will include construction of a perpendicular undercrossing at milepost (MP) 4.0 of Row River Road and realignment of the trail (at-grade) at the trail crossing at MP 5.4 of Row River Road. Signage, striping, and lighting improvements will be made at these crossings as well. Detours and any temporary closures will be posted along the trail.

“This work reflects the valuable public input that was incorporated into the Row River Corridor Plan to address trail and road user safety improvements needed at locations where the trail crosses Lane County roads,” said Lydia McKinney, Transportation Planning Supervisor for Lane County Public Works. “We appreciate the community’s patience as these improvements are made to enhance the recreational opportunities along the trail.”

Efforts will be made to minimize construction related impacts to upcoming events, including the Bikes to Blooms Wildflower Tour on May 9th, the Gran Fondo on May 31st, and Cycle the Lakes Bike Ride on September 19th.

A Federal Lands Access Program grant was awarded in 2013 to fund the project. Construction will be managed and overseen by Lane County’s Engineering and Construction Staff.

The Row River Trail begins at the City of Cottage Grove’s Trailhead Park and meanders for 15.6 miles along the Row River and Dorena Reservoir to the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Culp Creek Trailhead, with several other trailheads along the route that provide access points. The trail is popular among hikers, bicyclists and equestrians.

The Row River National Recreation Trail is managed in partnership by the BLM Eugene District, US Forest Service Umpqua National Forest, Lane County Parks, Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department, US Army Corps of Engineers, Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, City of Oakridge, and Adopt-a-Trail Volunteers.

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An undercrossing will be constructed where the Row River Trail crosses a Lane County Road at milepost 4.0 to improve safety for trail users (intersection shown in both photos).

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