

Update

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

## Many highways remain restricted, closed in storm's wake

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A number of highways in northwest Oregon remain closed or partially blocked due to slides, fallen trees and high water as of 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4.

The Oregon Department of Transportation has issued the following conditional situations for highways effected by recent storms:

\* Interstate 5 is closed in Washington State from mileposts 68 to 88 (the Chehalis and Centralia areas) due to floodwaters from the Chehalis River; WSDOT and ODOT advise that motorists will not be able to travel I-5 between Portland and Seattle for at least the next few days.

\* U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) is closed from Staley's Junction (milepost 47, at the junction with Oregon 47) to Seaside (milepost 2) downed trees and a sunken grade that blocks the highway two miles west of the Dennis L. Edwards Tunnel (about milepost 39).

\* U.S. 30 (Lower Columbia River Highway) has reopened, but expect delays.

\* U.S. 101 (Oregon Coast Highway) is closed at milepost 64 (just north of Tillamook) due to downed power lines and high water between Latimer Road and Wilson River Loop; a detour has been established.

—\* Oregon 18 is closed in two locations: from mileposts 13 to 17 due to downed trees; at milepost 23 due to high water.

\* Oregon 47 is closed in two locations: just south of U.S. 30, north of Vernonia, due to high water; just north of Gaston, due to high water.

\* Oregon 53 is closed due to downed trees.

\* Oregon 99W is open, but expect delays at five locations: just south of Oregon 10 (milepost 3.2), where the rightmost southbound lane is closed due to a slide

o at 13th (milepost 4.5), where the rightmost northbound lane is closed due to pavement damage; at Luckiamute Creek south of Monmouth (near Helmick State Park, about milepost 70) due to high water; near Lewisburg (north of Corvallis, about milepost 77); a blocked culvert may cause flooding; at North Ash Creek and Fir Creeks due to high water.

\* Oregon 126 expect delays at milepost 6 near Florence due to high water.

\* Oregon 131 is closed due to downed trees.

\* Oregon 153 is closed due to high water.

\* Oregon 180 is closed between Eddyville and Blodgett due to trees across power lines.

\* Oregon 217 has reopened near Allen Boulevard (milepost 2.5).

- \* Oregon 219 is closed at milepost 22, near Newberg, due to high water.
- \* Oregon 223 is open but be aware of water over the roadway in several locations.
- \* Oregon 229 only one lane is open, expect delays due to downed trees.
- \* Oregon 240 is open, but expect delays from mileposts 1 to 8 due to high water.

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