

City encourages Barclay Drive alternate route

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In an effort to get large trucks away from downtown, the alternate route of Barclay Drive has been encouraged with signage. By using Barclay, trucks avoid having to stop at the Cascade Avenue crosswalks, particularly during the busy tourist season.

Some of the trucks actually go to the industrial area surrounding Barclay to pick up and make deliveries. To encourage use of the alternate route by more trucks, there are some improvements under consideration as a part of the Transportation Safety Plan refinement, including both the short-term and long-term options for the Highway 20/Locust Street intersection (see related story, page 1), allowing trucks to easily re-enter the traffic flow on Highway 20 after traveling on Barclay and Locust.

Realignment of the Barclay corridor would allow for a continuous three-lane street with a center turn lane, which would allow for safety in turning off Barclay by both trucks and cars. Through acquisition of some small

rights-of-way, Barclay could be straightened out, making it safer for 35-mile-per-hour travel and easier for trucks to maneuver.

The Barclay Drive/Locust intersection could be altered by making Barclay a through street to provide continuous connection along the alternate route, eliminating the need for trucks to stop. It is believed this change would help make Barclay a more favorable route through town for trucks. A stop sign would be installed north of Barclay on Locust (Camp Polk Road) for traffic coming into town from the north.

An eventual roundabout at this intersection would allow for increased capacity as both truck and automobile traffic increase.

There has been conversation about providing possible accommodation of bike and pedestrian paths along Barclay, although there has been vocal opposition to drawing the trucks away from downtown and then adding bikes and pedestrians in the truck area. The City has been looking at making provisions for bike/ped traffic further north of Barclay.

Forest Service seeks input on permits

The Sisters Ranger District is seeking public input — concerns, suggestions, and questions — regarding a project proposal to renew several existing special-use permits throughout the district and to authorize Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to make permanent modifications to their temporary Whychus Creek stream gage.

Public comments will help identify issues to be considered in the environmental review of these proposals.

The Sisters Ranger District manages a wide range of permits under its special-uses program. Examples of existing special-use permits include road access, power lines, irrigation lines, recreation residences, recreation events, and outfitter and guides. Permits are generally authorized for a term between one and twenty years, depending on the use.

At the time of expiration, a special-use permit with a new term may be reissued if the permit-holder wishes to continue the use. The decision to reissue an existing permit varies on a case by case basis, and is usually issued if there is still a need for the permit and the holder

is in compliance with Forest Service regulations.

There are five expired permits that need to be reissued in 2018.

Permit-holders include:

- Black Butte Ranch — signs (including main entrance), water and sewer, and transmission lines.
- Oregon Water Resources Department — stream gauge station, Metolius River.
- Sisters Park & Recreation District — labyrinth.
- Oregon Water Resources Department — stream gauge station, Whychus Creek.

The three structures that would encompass the OWRD Whychus stream gage include: the main gage house, the staff plate, and the benchmarks. A mast will be attached to the main gage house enclosure that will support a small solar panel and satellite antenna. The main gage house will be approximately 75 feet from the streambank. The main gage house will stand seven feet high with a four-by-four-foot concrete pad

footprint.

Ground disturbance and impact will be caused by hand tools. The depth of ground disturbance associated with the concrete pad will be two to three inches. The staff plate will be installed with a metal fence post and two-by-four cedar board. OWRD may need to install up to three benchmarks consisting of four-inch PVC pipe with cement and rebar stakes buried three feet deep and inches exposed above the surface. A pressurized bubbler system line and temperature probe will be installed in a flex conduit and metal pipe. This will run from the main gage house to the water. This will require minimum trenching with hand tools and extend one inch into the channel. This will run from the main gage house to the streambank.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed action, which is to renew the permits. Additional information for individual

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