

County to Close Anliker Road Periodically During Repair

Contractors to begin work on storm-damaged gravel roads in Shiloh Basin July 17

Damage to roadways in the Shiloh Basin during winter storms will be repaired this summer by contractors hired by the Columbia County Road Department. Flooding caused parts of Anliker and Bishop Creek Roads to wash away, and culverts on both sides of the road to fail.

PCR, Inc. from Beaver Creek, Oregon will begin work July 17 and will continue through September. In addition to repairing the gravel roads, the project includes culvert replacement at four sites, two of which will require complete closure of Anliker Road. Full closures will occur 2.70 miles from Meissner Road from July 17 through August 4, and at Endicott Creek, 2.20 miles from Meissner Road from August 4 through September 5.

Other repairs to roads in the Shiloh Basin, which is located north and west of Deer Island, will not require full closure. Anliker Road at milepost .65 near Meissner Road and Bishop Creek Road at milepost .60 south of Nicolai Road will remain open or have on-site detours. Flaggers will be present to allow road users to pass at these locations.

PCR, Inc. will begin short duration closures starting July 3 to assemble equipment and prepare the closures by installing roadway signs and protection equipment.

The project is being funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Columbia County received nearly \$6 million from FEMA and the Federal Highway Administration for damage during winter storms in 2015. The county was allocated an additional \$2 million from the state of Oregon. The county's road department will use nearly \$1 million of those funds to make

road and related repairs at 40 locations throughout the county. To date, nearly 75 percent of these projects have been completed, with the remaining scheduled through 2018. The Shiloh Basin

project is budgeted at about \$600,000. For more information contact Tristan Wood at (503) 397-5090 or email him at tristan.wood@co.columbia.or.us.

Seat Available on Columbia County Planning Commission

Residents with interest in land use and development are welcome to apply

Columbia County is seeking an interested citizen to serve on the county's Planning Commission. The commission serves as the public hearing body on land use issues in Columbia County, and works in an advisory role to the County Board of Commissioners on comprehensive planning and development ordinance amendments. Members are citizens who assure the county is meeting all state land use goals.

The seven-member commission is made up of residents who live in various locations throughout the county. Terms, which are staggered to allow for adequate transitioning, are four years. Though current commission members reside in a variety of areas in the county, to create a group that fully represents the entire citizenship, a resident from Vernonia would be welcomed.

In coordination with the county's Director of Planning, the commission also reviews development applications and makes recommendations on

amendments to the county's long-range Comprehensive Plan and its Zoning and Subdivision and Partitioning ordinances.

"Ideally, we'd like to see applications from people who are interested in balancing livability, economic development and environmental protection within Columbia County," said Henry Heimuller, Board Chair. He added however, that anyone interested in land use issues is welcome to apply. Applicants must live in Columbia County and may not be employees, officers or agents of the county.

Currently, the Planning Commission meets the first day of the month at 6:30 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

The deadline to apply is July 21. The application form can be found online or at the County Courthouse, 230 Strand St. in St. Helens.

For more information, email Glen Higgins glen.higgins@co.columbia.or.us (phone 503-397-7217) or Jan Greenhalgh jan.greenhalgh@co.columbia.or.us (phone 503-397-4322).



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