

# Highway 395 reopens to traffic

By Carl Sampson  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Highway 395, the main north-south artery through Grant County, reopened to traffic Saturday afternoon, bringing to a close a 10-day race to dig out two large sections of the roadway, install huge new culverts and rebuild them.

Crews — some working around the clock in 12-hour shifts — raced the calendar and unpredictable fall weather to complete the project, said Al Frye, an operator-supervisor for Eugene-based Wildish Standard Paving, the prime contractor.

He estimated that between 20 and 30 people worked on the job.

“The weather cooperated,” he said, noting the lack of freezing temperatures and precipitation as his crew prepared to open the highway to traffic Saturday afternoon.

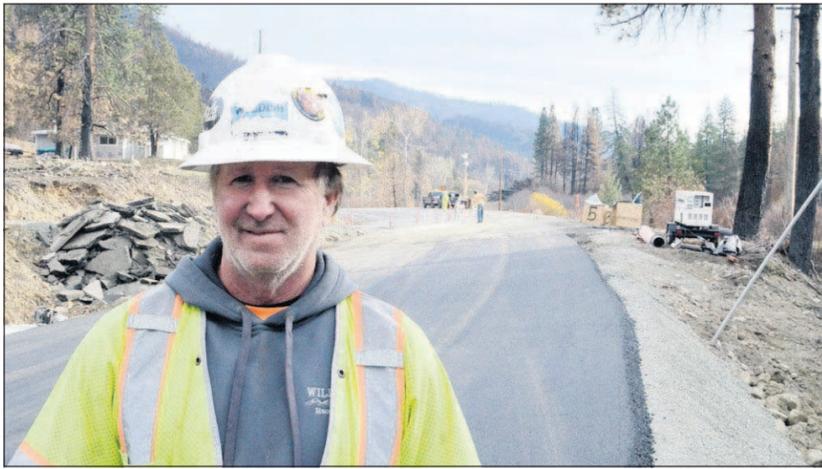
By later in the day the main roadway was completed and ready for traffic. Portions of the highway will still be one-lane and require flaggers until guardrails are installed and other work is completed.

By Friday, Nov. 20, all work should be done, and cleanup will be completed before Thanksgiving, he said.

The reopening of the highway reduces by several hundred miles the detour route between John Day and Burns, said Tom Strandberg, Oregon Department of Transportation Region 5 spokesman. Some drivers have used county and other roads as shortcuts, he said, but the official state highway detour sent traffic through Vale.

Work began Nov. 4 to replace two culverts that ran under the highway. The U.S. Forest Service had warned ODOT that, because of the massive wildfires that struck the area during the summer, the amount of debris and runoff could increase by 100 to 650 percent this winter, he said. The tributaries empty into Canyon Creek.

“Those culverts were



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**Al Frye, an operator-supervisor for Wildish Standard Paving, oversees the paving work underway Saturday afternoon as Highway 395 was opened to traffic. The main highway between John Day and Burns was blocked 10 days while crews replaced culverts that run underneath the roadway.**



Courtesy photo

**Culvert sections are lowered into the trench at the Vance Creek construction site, milepost 11 of Highway 395, on Nov. 7. The old 5-foot round culvert is to the right of the new trench. The new culvert is 20 feet in diameter.**

not capable of handling it,” Strandberg said. “We wanted to take care of it before it washed out the road.” Engineers feared debris would block the culverts,

back up the creeks and cause the highway to wash out.

One culvert at milepost 6.1 is a rectangular box design constructed of

concrete, and the other, at Vance Creek at milepost 11 is a 20-foot diameter metal culvert. The bottoms of both were covered with gravel and rocks to emulate a stream bed and aid fish passage, Frye said.

Iron Triangle and Tidewater of John Day were subcontractors for Wildish, along with other companies.

## Brown: Oregon will continue taking Syrian refugees

By PARIS ACHEN  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown announced on Twitter Tuesday that Oregon will continue to accept refugees after a suspect in the Paris attacks was found to possess a Syrian passport.

The governor had declined to comment Monday on her position on accepting refugees from the war-torn Middle Eastern country, where ISIS has taken a foothold.

“Clearly, Oregon will continue to accept refugees,”

Brown tweeted. “They seek safe haven, and we will continue to open the doors of opportunity to them. The words of the Statue of Liberty apply in Oregon just as they do in every other state.”

Brown’s position contrasts with that of at least 27 governors, mostly Republicans, who say they want to block more Syrian refugees from entering their states, according to several media reports. Governors have no authority to reject Syrian refugees but could seek to reduce state services provided to the newcomers.

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FRI & SAT (3:30) 6:50 9:40  
SUNDAY (3:30) 6:50

**MON & TUES (3:50) 6:50**  
FRI & SAT (3:50) 6:50 9:40

**THE PEANUTS MOVIE G**  
Snoopy embarks upon his greatest mission, while Charlie Brown begins his own epic quest back home.  
FRI & SAT (4:10) 7:10 9:45  
SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10

**MON & TUES (7:10)**

**BRIDGE OF SPIES PG-13**  
During the Cold War, an attorney is recruited to facilitate the exchange of a Russian spy for an American POW.  
FRI & SAT (3:45) 6:45 9:35  
SUNDAY (3:45) 6:45

**MON-THURS (6:45)**

**CREED PG-13**  
Opens Wednesday, November 25th. Rocky Balboa trains the son of his former rival, Apollo Creed.  
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JOHN DAY	HI/LO	SHEEP ROCK	HI/LO
TUESDAY	43/29	TUESDAY	50/23
WEDNESDAY	41/28	WEDNESDAY	NA/NA
THURSDAY	47/27	THURSDAY	52/30
FRIDAY	58/42	FRIDAY	54/35
SATURDAY	60/44	SATURDAY	65/48
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MONDAY	37/28	MONDAY	NA/NA

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>

**RANDOM FACTS ABOUT RAINBOWS**

- A rainbow is light refracted through millions of droplets of water
- The angle of light refraction to create a rainbow is 42 degrees to the eye of the person watching
- Sir Isaac Newton discovered the seven distinct colors of the visible spectrum
- In the Bible, rainbows are a sign of God's promise — Genesis 9
- Rainbows in your environment create good Feng Shui
- Colors of a rainbow are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.
- Everyone loves a rainbow