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Crews Installing Barrier to Ensure Motorist Safety on Flooded OR 140

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) crews are continuing work to ensure motorist safety on a flooded section of OR 140 west of Klamath Falls. **Traffic is reduced to one lane between mile points 59 and 59.6 and is being moved through the area by pilot car.** Drivers are advised to expect delays of less than ten minutes when traveling through this area.

At this hour, ODOT crews have installed 1,200 feet of concrete barrier on the north side of the highway in the flood zone. An additional 1,800 feet of barrier is expected to be installed by the end of the week. The installation of barrier protects drivers from traveling off the roadway and into the flood waters and will reduce the amount of blowing water that enters the roadway during inclement weather conditions.

ODOT crews are expected to be paving in the area this week to temporarily raise flooded sections of highway above the water level. Additionally, ODOT crews will be in the area collecting core samples of the material sources located below the flooded roadway. This information will assist in determining what the permanent fix will be for the damaged roadway.

The roadway was flooded on June 7 when a nearby dike broke, flooding thousands of acres along the north side of the highway.

ODOT will continue to monitor the roadway during the construction work and may restrict traffic further, as necessary.

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