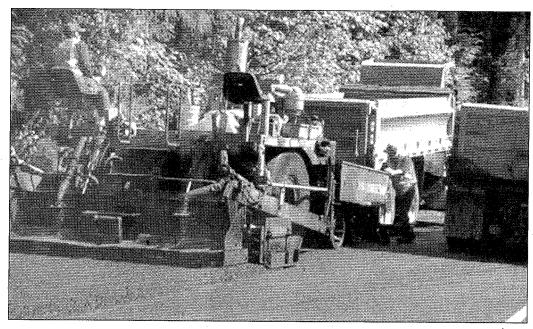
Trask River Road paving



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During May Tillamook County Road Department crew overlaid a half-mile segment of Trask River Road that was not able to be completed last summer. Mel McDonald runs the asphalt paver. During the next several weeks, road crews will prepare selected county roads for asphalt to be overlaid, starting in July. With the recent presidential approval of a one-year extension of the Federal Forest Safety Net funds, paving for this summer will increase from an original planned 3 miles to 6 miles. However, according to the Department of Public Works, this is far below an ideal 20 miles of overlay that the county should be doing each year for a paved public road system with nearly 280 road miles of asphalt.