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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Weight Load Limit Posted on Josi Bridge on Kansas
Creek Road

The Tillamook County Director of Public Works directed that Josi Bridge on Kansas Creek Road be weight load limited to 8 Tons until further notice. During a recent bridge inspection significant rot was identified on the bridge girders. The load limit is being directed for safety reasons. Appropriate signs have been posted at both ends of the bridge.

Josi Bridge is the wooden one-lane bridge located on Kansas Creek Road just South of Highway 6 at Milepost 10.8. The alternate detour route from Hwy 6 starts approximately 1 mile to the East of the above intersection (just West of the Charles Sprague State Rest Area). The detour road is also called "Kansas Creek Road" and loops back around to the far side of Josi Bridge.

The bridge rot was recently identified by bridge inspectors hired by the Oregon Department of Transportation. In the next couple of days, ODOT will be inspecting the bridge further to determine a more accurate and complete evaluation of the bridge structure.

Josi Bridge is one of six bridges scheduled to be tentatively replaced in 2005. Funds for the bridge replacement are part of the ODOT grant award through the Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA). Currently an engineer design consultant hired by the County is developing design details for the bridge replacement.