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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**This new release VOIDS  
and replaces the related  
release dated 9/23/04.**

Re: Josi Bridge on Kansas Creek Road Closed

Following receipt of inspection and bridge load data from the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Tillamook County Director of Public Works announced that Josi Bridge on Kansas Creek Road is now closed.

During a recent bridge inspection significant rot was identified in the bridge girders. An ODOT bridge inspection crew was on-site at the bridge Friday to execute a detailed bridge inspection. After a review of the detailed inspection results, ODOT Bridge Section determined the bridge could not support vehicle loads and should be immediately closed 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. There is an alternate detour route from Hwy 6 that 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.

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.