



HYAMPOM ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

California Forest Highway 114, Hyampom Road
Shasta-Trinity National Forest
Trinity County, California

JUNE 2008

HYAMPOM ROAD SEGMENT 5 CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN

The Federal Highway Administration - Central Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA-CFLHD), in coordination with the United States Forest Service - Shasta-Trinity National Forest (USFS-STNF), and Trinity County (County), has begun construction of Segment 5 of the Hyampom Road Reconstruction Project (Project). Construction of Segment 5 is anticipated to continue through two construction seasons to the fall of 2009, but may continue through the fall of 2010. Segment 3 construction will not occur this year.

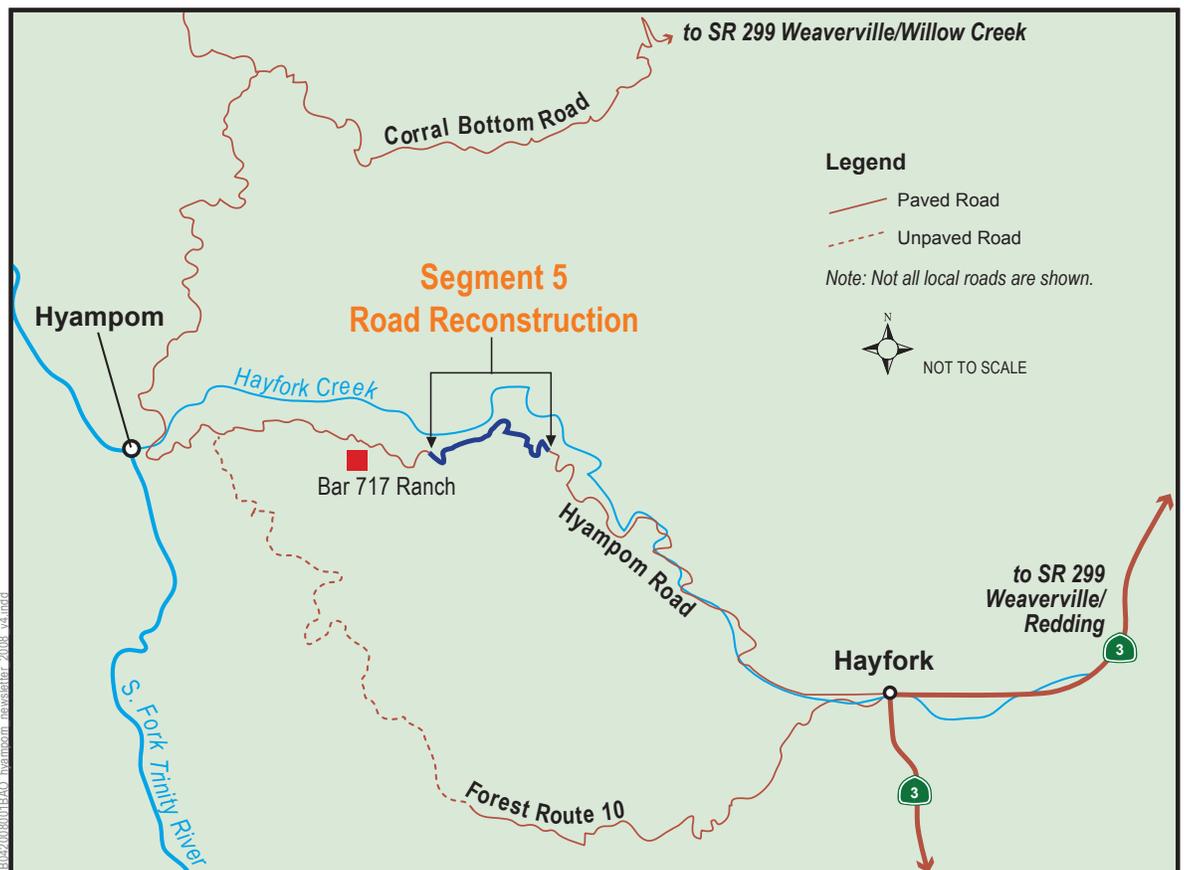
Reconstruction work of Segment 5 involves developing a consistent two-lane roadway, reducing the severity of existing tight-radius curves, replacing existing and providing additional surface and subsurface drainage systems, constructing retaining walls, and placing guardrails in strategic locations.



Existing conditions at most narrow portion of Segment 5.



Existing conditions revealing frequent horizontal curves in a narrow one-lane portion of Segment 5.



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Road Closure Schedule Will Minimize Community Impacts

To address community concerns about Project impacts, the road closure schedule balances the need for road openings with the objective to complete construction as soon as possible. FHWA-CFLHD's goal is to execute the Project in such a manner as to minimize disruptions to access during each of the construction seasons. Public road closures during construction were developed in consultation with key emergency and delivery service providers.

Hyampom Road Closure Schedule

The reconstruction of Hyampom Road will involve daily road closures during major construction work in June through November. Travelers should expect 30 minute delays Monday through Friday until June 17th. Road closures will begin on or about June 18th and will occur Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (except Thursday afternoons). Also, delays of up to 30 minutes may occur from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The schedule was developed to allow the contractor sufficient work hours to complete the Project in a timely manner and to reduce community impacts by allowing emergency and delivery service providers, businesses, and residents daily road access.

Hyampom Road will be open Thursday afternoons to allow weekly deliveries and to accommodate the school district's minimum days. The road will be open Saturdays, Sundays, federal holidays, and special community event days/weekends. No work is anticipated to occur on Saturdays at this time, however, occasional work may be required with 30 minute delays. Night construction will not occur unless under an abnormal circumstance or emergency. Some work may occur November to May 2009 with 30-minute delays. A summary of the road closure and construction schedule is provided below.

The construction contract was awarded in May to a local contractor – Steve Manning Construction Inc. of Redding.

HYAMPOM ROAD CLOSURE SCHEDULE: JUNE – NOVEMBER 2008

Day(s)	Time	Road Closed	Road Open	Note
Monday	7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	X		
Tuesday	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		X	Alternating westbound/eastbound every 15 minutes
Wednesday	12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	X		
Friday	12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.		X	Alternating westbound/eastbound every 15 minutes
	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	X		
	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.		X	30-minute maximum delays
Thursday	7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	X		
	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		X	Alternating westbound/eastbound every 15 minutes
	12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	X		
	12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.		X	Alternating westbound/eastbound every 15 minutes
	1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.		X	30-minute maximum delays

Hyampom Road will be open from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., Saturdays, Sundays, federal holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's), and special event weekends (Hyampom Pie Auction, Trinity County Fair, Hyampom Good Times Fair, Hayfork High School Homecoming).

Public Information Plan

The FHWA-CFLHD's goal is to provide an open channel of communication with the public throughout the life of the Project. To facilitate this goal, a Public Information Plan (PIP) was developed to serve as a two-way communication tool among the contractor, the residents of Hyampom and Hayfork, and the emergency and delivery service providers that use the corridor. Extensive effort was made to coordinate with all involved parties. Highlights of the PIP follow.

Toll-Free Telephone Hotline (1-877-HYAMPOM or 1-877-492-6766)

The toll-free telephone hotline will operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week to relay current Project information. The hotline will be updated as necessary to keep the local community and tourists informed of construction activities. Messages will be returned as promptly as possible.



Web Site (www.cflhd.gov/hyampom)

The Hyampom Road Project Web site is designed to make it easier for local residents with dial-up internet connections. The main page contains general Project information, including contacts, but has minimal graphics to improve dial-up performance. All Project-related documents, such as press releases, newsletters, frequently asked questions, environmental documents, maps, and photographs, are available through links on the Project Web site. Requests to be added to the Project electronic mailing list may be made on the Web site.



Signage

Signs will be posted to provide general road closure times and locations at the ends of Hyampom Road (in Hayfork and Hyampom), on State Highway 3, and at major intersections.

Public Information Officer

A Public Information Officer (PIO) will serve as a liaison between the public and FHWA-CFLHD. The PIO can be contacted toll-free at 1-877-HYAMPOM (1-877-492-6766) or via email at CFL.HyampomPIO@fhwa.dot.gov. The PIO trailer will be located at the Hayfork Airport.



Emergency Services

A communication plan for emergency services contains protocols for determining the fastest route between Hyampom and Hayfork based on the status of the construction at the time of the emergency. Project construction management developed communication strategies with local emergency service providers to work seamlessly in the event of any fire, medical, or other emergency. Additionally, the contractor is required to clear the road as quickly as possible in the case of an emergency.



Delivery and Other Services

Extensive research and coordination was conducted with delivery and other service providers in the development of the road closure schedule. In addition, a communication plan was developed for service providers, such as social services, the Mountain Valley School District, U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, utilities, and other services, to facilitate the flow of goods and services during the construction period.



Public Input Saved Trees and Other Resources

To address the community's concerns about the impact of the Project on the character of Hyampom Road and to reduce the environmental impacts from tree removal and other construction activities, the design for Segment 5 was modified multiple times to reduce its footprint as much as practical while still meeting the purpose and needs of the Project. The modifications resulted in a reduction of the total impact of the construction. Changes include:

- Reducing the volume of material moved for cuts and fills from 520,000 to 136,000 cubic yards, thereby reducing the number of truckloads of soil and rock moved during the construction from nearly 22,000 to under 6,000.
- Reducing the total impact area from 65 acres to 27 acres, thereby minimizing the impacts on the local forest.
- Filling only one ravine instead of three.

The design also provides for environmental mitigation measures such as erosion control during and after construction, wetlands mitigation and monitoring plans, removal of limited vegetation, prohibition of pesticides and herbicides, restoration of ecologically sound habitat, and weed control. These measures have been adopted in response to community input and are required in the construction plans for the Project.



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