

**RAC PROJECT REPORT
SOURDOUGH ROAD NO. 492
FY 2002**



Contract Dozer work

The project on 20 miles of Road #492 was completed with Title II (\$34,565) and Forest Service Road Maintenance funds (\$25,231). Work completed in FY 2002 consisted of grading of the roadway to re-establish the original template along of the road, clearing of logs brush and debris from the cut and fill slopes and maintenance of drainage structures. The heavy grading was contracted out to a local contractor and was accomplished using a small dozer with rippers. Finish grading was accomplished with Forest Service graders. Approximately 150 hazard trees were fell that were growing in the shoulder of the road and/or leaning out over the road. This work was accomplished using Forest Service fire crews as a part of their training. Slash, logs and other debris were removed from the cut and fill slopes with a Forest Service Backhoe and the roadside brushing and tree limb pruning was accomplished with crews from the Idaho Department of Corrections at Orofino. A Forest Service backhoe replaced ten culverts that were either not functioning or were too short and created a driving hazard to the public. The above work has been completed as of September 27, 2002.



Road condition before project



Road condition after project

If the weather holds, the Forest Service plans to haul some rock to a few “soft” spots from our rock pit on the Santiam-Sourdough road. Work remaining to be done in the future would be to replace all of the old 12 inch culverts with larger ones and apply crushed aggregate to the entire length of the road to improve driving conditions during wet weather and prevent erosion. Complete roadside brushing on approximately 9 miles of road. Break up boulders in the roadway with a “boulder buster” to improve driving conditions. Also, there are approximately 100 more hazard trees that remain to be felled.