

## Floods Lead to Road Repair and Decommissioning

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Olympic National Forest is proposing to address road damage resulting from recent floods by undertaking both road repair and road decommissioning projects. The principal event leading to these proposed actions was the heavy rainfall of December 2007 and the associated flooding. This led to washout of numerous fills and culverts, landslides blocking travelways, damage to road surfaces, and in a few instances loss of material under bridges.

Substantial road repair projects are proposed for 30 individual damage sites on 15 different roads. The roads involved are: Forest Service Roads (FSR) 2190, 2200, 2270 (3 sites), 2281 (2 sites), 2340, 2350 (2 sites), 2353 (4 sites), 2355, 2366, 2400 (2 sites), 2480 (2 sites), 2500 (2 sites), 2610, 2900 (6 sites), and 3040. Most of these sites involve fill and surfacing replacement, with culvert replacement needed at 19 sites. In addition to these sites, minor repairs will be necessary at numerous locations throughout the Forest.



***Flood damage to FS Road 2270, milepost 10.9***

Decommissioning is proposed for all or part of five roads or road systems, as follows: FSR 2208100, FSRs 2294 – 2294460 - 2294461, FSRs 2340400 - 2340450, FSRs 2918 – 2918100 – 2918110, and FSR 3050 and all its spurs. Treatment is proposed for the full lengths of the above roads, with the exception of FSRs 2294, 2340400, 2918, and 3050. For these, portions of the roadway will remain on the system for current or future use. Total mileage proposed for decommissioning is 36.3 miles.

Environmental evaluation of these proposals is currently underway, and is slated for completion by June 30, 2009. The majority of these projects are proposed for implementation in summer of 2009, with the remainder expected in 2010. For more information, please refer to the Forest's Schedule of Proposed Actions for April 2009.

The projects listed above are funded from two sources: 2008 Emergency Repair of Federally-Owned Roads (ERFO) allocations and a 2009 supplemental flood damage repair allocation targeted toward damage not covered by ERFO. The list therefore does not cover all proposed repair and decommissioning projects on the Forest, as additional projects funded from other sources are also under development at this time.