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Storm damage-U.S. 26 & OR 47 ftp://ftp.odot.state.or.us/outgoing/Wind_Storm_Dec_2007/WindStorm120307/

Oregon highway closures: 9 p.m. 12/3/2007

ODOT will issue the next statewide highway closure update Tuesday morning about 9 a.m.

Slides, fallen trees and high water have closed or are partially blocking several highways in NW Oregon. The length of closures and when the highways can be reopened are unknown at this time.

Motorists should avoid closed highways! As of 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, 2007:

- ◆ **Interstate 5 is closed** in Washington State from milepost 68 to 88 (the Chehalis and Centralia areas) due to the Chehalis River flooding the Interstate; **WSDOT and ODOT advise that motorists will not be able to travel I-5 between Portland and Seattle tonight**
- ◆ **U.S. 20** from Corvallis to Newport is **open to the coast**
- ◆ **U.S. 26** (Sunset Highway) is **closed** from Staley's Junction (milepost 47, at the junction with Oregon 47) to Seaside → (milepost 2) due to high winds, downed trees and power lines.
- ◆ **U.S. 30** (Lower Columbia River Highway) is **closed** in several locations:
 - in downtown St. Helens (about milepost 28) due to a mudslide
 - from the west end of Clatskanie (milepost 62) to the Columbia/Clatsop county line (milepost 70) due to downed trees, a slide and high water
 - from Astoria to West Port, one lane is open
- ◆ **U.S. 101** (Oregon Coast Highway) is **closed in two locations:**
 - to cars and other low-profile vehicles from mileposts 21 to 24, just south of Seaside at Beerman Creek, due to high water (this location is open to high-profile vehicles)
 - at milepost 64 (just north of Tillamook) due to downed power lines and high water between Latimer Road and Wilson River Loop
- ◆ **Oregon 6** (Wilson River Highway) has **reopened** and the **debris flow warning has expired**
- ◆ **Oregon 18 Business** is **closed**
- ◆ **Oregon 18** is **closed in two locations:**
 - from mileposts 13 to 17 due to downed trees
 - at milepost 23 due to high water
- ◆ **Oregon 22** **open** but be aware of water on the highway from mileposts 8 to 10
- ◆ **Oregon 34** is **open** but be aware of possible trees down and water on the highway



◆ Oregon 47 is closed in multiple locations:

- just south of U.S. 30, north of Vernonia, due to high water
- just south of Vernonia due to high water
- just north of U.S. 26 →
- just north of Gaston (south of Forest Grove), due to high water
- just south of Gaston (north of the junction with Oregon 240), due to high water

**◆ Oregon 53 is closed due to downed trees****◆ Oregon 99W is open, but possible delays at three locations:**

- at Luckiamute Creek south of Monmouth (near Helmick State Park, about milepost 70) due to high water
- near Lewisburg (north of Corvallis, about milepost 77); a blocked culvert may cause flooding
- at North Ash Creek and Fir Creeks due to high water

◆ Oregon 126 expect delays at milepost 6 near Florence due to high water**◆ Oregon 131 is closed due to downed trees****◆ Oregon 153 is closed due to high water****◆ Oregon 180 is closed between Eddyville and Blodgett due to trees across power lines****◆ Oregon 217 northbound expect delays near Allen Boulevard (milepost 2.5) due to high water****◆ Highway 202 is closed due to downed trees at mile post 7****◆ Oregon 219 is closed at milepost 22, near Newberg, due to high water****◆ Oregon 223 is open but be aware of water over the roadway in several locations****◆ Oregon 229 only one lane is open, expect delays due to downed trees****◆ Oregon 240 has reopened, but expect delays from mileposts 1 to 8 (between Newberg and Yamhill) due to high water****ALSO:**

- ◆ Amtrak has cancelled all service between Seattle and Portland due to mudslides along the rail line (visit www.amtrak.com/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=Amtrak/HomePage for details)

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