



Economic Hardship Survey Results

Crescent Lake, Oregon

Regarding:

2012
Salt Creek Tunnel
Repair and
Hwy 58 Closures

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Executive summary

Several points are clear from the survey. The economic impact on the resort community of Crescent Lake will be severe, probably even costing jobs and threatening business solvency. The difficulties presented to the residents will be harsher than in most locations impacted by road maintenance because of the lack of easy alternate routes for Highway 58 from the Willamette Valley and Interstate 5 to Crescent Lake.

Another reason for the unique hardship to the community businesses and residents is that many Crescent Lake businesses are destination resorts. Persons planning to go to a destination resort will simply plan to go to a different resort if transportation is made extremely difficult.

Additionally, all Crescent Lake businesses are fed by only one Highway, Highway 58. When Highway 58 is severed the life supporting traffic will not be able to reach the businesses. No commuter will be simply traveling through town and stop for food, fuel or lodging. Even many part-time residents that usually can be counted on to utilize local businesses will not be able to reach their Crescent Lake homes and therefore will also not support the businesses.

Although not in the survey, one of the points shared by a Crescent Lake fire fighter is that fire/rescue support for several miles of the Oakridge Fire District will need to be transferred to Central Cascades Fire & EMS during the periods of road closure. Highway accidents may be reduced by road closure or may increase because of confused motorists and increased heavy equipment utilization.

Therefore the Crescent Lake Community Action Team requests that the Department of Transportation assist in mitigating the problems caused by this very necessary but costly road work. Department of Transportation could help the community in the following ways:

- Assist the Crescent Lake resort community in getting economic hardship money to alleviate the problems caused by the road closure. The money could be administered by Klamath County.
- Keep all daytime road closure to the months that the survey indicate will have the least impact on the community.
- Conduct all other road closure to the 12 hour period of 6 PM to 6 AM.
- Make progress reports and closure schedules available on the Internet. Enabling businesses, visitors, and residents to make informed scheduling such as medical appointments, reservations, and deliveries.
- Print flyers that show suggested alternate routes to Crescent Lake for local distribution.
- Assist the Crescent Lake resorts in communicating with their known customers.
- Contact AMTRAK to reopen the Crescent Lake Railway stop.
- Contact the Union Pacific Railroad to determine if they would put on a special train to deliver goods to Crescent Lake during the summer of 2012.
- Utilize the Crescent Lake businesses when purchasing food, lodging or other supplies for the road closure project.

Economic Hardship Survey Results

On Monday, August 29, 2011 Oregon Department of Transportation held a town hall in Crescent Lake regarding the needed repairs to the Salt Creek Tunnel and possible closures of Highway 58.

Following the town hall meeting the Crescent Lake Community Action Team (CLCAT) distributed a survey to businesses, full time residents, part-time residents, and visitors of our community. The response to filling out the survey was significant and gave us a clear vision of the concerns of the community.

The majority of full time residents travel 4-10+ times a month between Crescent Lake and Oakridge/Eugene area. They feel the least affected months for a potential closure were, in preferred order, April, May, and October. The month's creating the greatest hardship to them, in greatest hardship order, July, August, and June. September was also seen as a month that would bring hardship to the full time resident.

Most full time residents viewed closure of Highway 58 as having a great hardship to them. Also, the majority of full time residents did not know of an alternate route from Crescent Lake to Oakridge/Eugene area.

Part-time residents and Crescent Lake visitors travel between Eugene and Crescent Lake 1-8 times per month. The months that would affect them the least were, in preferred order, April, October and May. Months having the greatest hardship were, in greatest hardship order, August, July, June, and September. They were evenly split on knowing an alternative route.

Crescent Lake businesses, that filled out their economic hardship survey, stated that they wanted the work/closure to be completed, if possible, during one month. They all noted that the months of April, October, and May as having the least hardship. However, they all stated they would have to lay off employees, some stated up to 6 employees, due to the Highway 58 closures. All the businesses, expressed a financial hardship regarding the potential highway closure.

The businesses not only saw the closure as a disruption to their business but also a disruption to provided essential services. Most business owners did not know of an alternative route to the Oakridge/Eugene area.

The Boy Scout Camp, Camp Makualla, operates from June through August. They have a projected attendance of 1200+ scouts for the season. They employ approximately 50 seasonal staff. All of their deliveries for food service and package delivery, along with the majority of their attendees, travel up Highway 58 from the Eugene area. Alternate roads to Crescent Lake would add additional time as well as possible increase in cost to manage the camp.

Along with the surveys were comments made by the survey participants. Some of the comments expressed concern over job loss. Here are examples of comments made by the participants.

“I am an employee of CLR and, if the road shuts down we will lose over 50% of our customers and that will cut our income a lot. Therefor we cut our hours and people like myself will take a huge paycutt that I cannot afford in this economy.”

“All my medical including VA is in the Eugene/Springfield area. My G.P., Cardiologist, Orthopedic Dr’s.”

“Would loose job!!!! Work in junction Crescent Lake.”

Scanned survey’s with hand written comments will be in the appendix. All survey’s will be available upon request, however, all personal information will be obscured.

The hardship that is expressed by the full and part-time residents along with the businesses is very grim. Fully closing Hwy 58 for the needed repairs without a viable alternative route to our town and community will cause great hardship along with great anxiety about their lively hood and medical care.

The Crescent Lake Community Action Team looks forward to working with Oregon Department of Transportation, and our elected officials. Copies of this report are available on our website: www.centraloregoncommuntiyactionteams.org/crescent_lake

Survey Results

Full Time Residents*

Number of times a month travel occurs from the Oakridge/Eugene.

0 –3 times	4 –8 times	8 –10 times	10+ times
31%	31%	10%	28%

Number of times a month travel occurs toward the Oakridge/Eugene.

0 –3 times	4 –8 times	8 –10 times	10+ times
27%	30%	11%	32%

The best month of the year to close the Hwy 58.

(L = Least effected month M = Most effected month)

April	May	June	July	August	September	October
L	L	M	M	M	M	L

Individual hardship rating. (0-5: 5 being the greatest hardship.)

0	1	2	3	4	5
5%	5%	8%	11%	5%	63%

Knowledge of an alternate route.

Yes	35%
No	65%

* All percentages rounded to the nearest whole number.

Survey Results continued

Part-time Residents and Visitors *

Number of times a month travel occurs from the Oakridge/Eugene.

0 –3 times	4 –8 times	8 –10 times	10+ times
37%	39%	10%	14%

Number of times a month travel occurs toward the Oakridge/Eugene.

0 –3 times	4 –8 times	8 –10 times	10+ times
38%	38%	13%	10%

The best month of the year to close the Hwy 58.

(L = Least effected month M = Most effected month)

April	May	June	July	August	September	October
L	L	M	M	M	M	L

Individual hardship rating. (0-5: 5 being the greatest hardship.)

0	1	2	3	4	5
1%	4%	1%	10%	21%	61%

Knowledge of an alternate route.

Yes	50%
No	50%

* All percentages rounded to the nearest whole number.

Survey Results continued

Crescent Lake Businesses *

Would you prefer the work to be completed?

As quickly as possible during one or more months?	75%
Spread out over the whole summer?	25%

Months for least impact to business: April, May and October

Months with greatest impact to business: June, July, August, and September

- **All businesses saw an economic impact to their business.**
- **All businesses expected to lay-off employees due to the possible road closure.**
- **Businesses also noted the closure would be a disruption to them.**
- **Businesses noted that services that they rely on would also be disrupted.**

Do you know of an alternate route?	Yes 20%
	No 80%

* All percentages rounded to the nearest whole number.

APPENDIX

Appendix I:	Written Survey Comments
Appendix II:	E-mail from Camp Makualla
Appendix III:	Letters and Comments to ODOT

Copies of surveys will be available upon request. However, all personal information regarding the participant will be obscured.

ECONOMIC HARDSHIP SURVEY

Questions:

A) Are you a full time resident or part time resident? (Please circle)

B) How many times a month do you travel toward the Oakridge/Eugene area?

Live permanently in Eugene

a. 0-3 times ___ 4-8 times ___ 8-10 times ___ 10+ times ___

C) How many times a month do you travel from the Oakridge/Eugene area?

a. 0-3 times ___ 4-8 times 8-10 times ___ 10+ times ___

D) If Hwy 58 needs to be closed what is the best month of the year to close the Hwy?

(Please rate the following months 0-10 with 10 being the worst time of year to close the Hwy.)

a. April 8 May 7 June 6 July 4 August 5 September 9 October 10

E) Would this be a hardship to you? (Please rate this 0-5, with 5 being the greatest hardship.)

a. 0 ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 4 ___ 5 ___

If open on weekends + Fridays we would make it work.

F) Do you know of an alternate route that can be used if the tunnel area is closed?

Hwy 126 is only other way I know of correct?

Name:

Crescent Lake Address:



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a. April 4 May 6 June 8 July 10 August 10 September 8 October 5

E) Would this be a hardship to you? (Please rate this 0-5, with 5 being the greatest hardship.)

a. 0 ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5

F) Do you know of an alternate route that can be used if the tunnel area is closed?

Alternate route would be from Hwy 97 + US8
Taking Eugene Busin from 14 hrs to get here to 4-5 hrs using
IS to 20 through Bend - n - up thru LaPine

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clp 58 were to be closed during main summer bus
June - Sep. we would loose or have to compensate
hugeley to customers from all over including
those who have come to the resort every summer
6 or years. Customers of 59 years could be lost and
would hurt the resort hugeley.

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C) How many times a month do you travel from the Oakridge/Eugene area?

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(Please rate the following months 0-10 with 10 being the worst time of year to close the Hwy.)

a. April ___ May ___ June 10 July 10 August 10 September ___ October ___

E) Would this be a hardship to you? (Please rate this 0-5, with 5 being the greatest hardship.)

a. 0 ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 X

F) Do you know of an alternate route that can be used if the tunnel area is closed?

Yes BUT I commute to the Valley on my days off. The closure would add 140 miles to my weekend commute.

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Now: 4 hrs RT, 1 tank Fuel 40⁰⁰
→ Then: 7 hrs RT 1.75 tank fuel 70⁰⁰
1 days pay

out of area

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WORK RELATED

C) How many times a month do you travel from the Oakridge/Eugene area?

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F) Do you know of an alternate route that can be used if the tunnel area is closed?

Not so good.

IT WILL HURT BUSINESSES AT A TIME WHEN THINGS ARE DIFFICULT ENOUGH!

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Crescent Lake Address:



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ECONOMIC HARDSHIP SURVEY

Questions:

A) Are you a full time resident or part time resident? (Please circle)

I work at Crescent Lake Resort

B) How many times a month do you travel toward the Oakridge/Eugene area?

a. 0-3 times ___ 4-8 times ___ 8-10 times ___ 10+ times X

C) How many times a month do you travel from the Oakridge/Eugene area?

a. 0-3 times X 4-8 times ___ 8-10 times ___ 10+ times ___

D) If Hwy 58 needs to be closed what is the best month of the year to close the Hwy?

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E) Would this be a hardship to you? (Please rate this 0-5, with 5 being the greatest hardship.)

a. 0 ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 X

F) Do you know of an alternate route that can be used if the tunnel area is closed?

no

I do not live at Crescent Lake

I work full time/year round at Crescent Lake Resort as a cook - We would be severely impacted by the closure all the employees that work at the Resort depend on this

Name: *[Redacted]*

Crescent Lake Address: *[Redacted]*

Employment to live. 80% of our customers come from Eugene area & South

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Written Surveys Comments
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E) Would this be a hardship to you? (Please rate this 0-5, with 5 being the greatest hardship.)

a. 0 ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5

F) Do you know of an alternate route that can be used if the tunnel area is closed?

yes but its a 4 hour ~~of~~ out of the way
I-5 to Santiam pass trip
I-5 to Kfalls up 97

Name:

Crescent Lake Address:



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I am an employee of CLR and, if the Road shuts down we will lose over 50% of our customers and that will cut our income alot. therefor we cut our hours and people like myself will take a huge paycuff that I cannot afford in this economy.

MEDICAL
ECONOMIC HARDSHIP SURVEY

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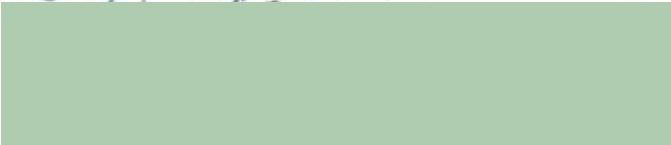
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NO

ALL my medical, including VA is in the Eugene/Springfield AREA. my G.P., Cardiologist, Orthopedic DR's

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Crescent Lake <crecidentlakecat@gmail.com>

Economic Hardship Survey regarding closure of Hwy 58 in 2012

James Wilson <anexkahn@gmail.com>
To: Crescent Lake CAT <crecidentlakecat@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 7, 2011 at 9:27 AM

Hi Carol,

I did not complete the survey attached because it does not really apply, but if you are compiling use data for Hwy 58, i will provide some information for you from the Boy Scout Camp.

Camp Makualla's summer operating season is June through August. We have a projected attendance of approximately 1200 people during the summer. A large percentage of these people travel to our camp from the Portland/ Salem/ Eugene area and utilize Hwy 58 from Eugene to access our camp.

Additionally, our food service company delivers twice weekly and originates out of Eugene and utilizes Hwy 58 for deliveries.

Fedex and UPS travel to our camp daily and originate from Eugene.

We employ about 50 seasonal staff. Last year about 15 of these traveled weekly to camp utilizing HWY 58 west to eugene.

Using HWY 138 and around to Hwy 97 is a viable alternative, but would add approximately 1.5 hours of additional travel time.

If you would like any additional information, please let me know.

Thanks,
-James Wilson, Camp Ranger
Makualla, B.S.A.

On Wed, Aug 31, 2011 at 8:30 AM, Crescent Lake CAT <crecidentlakecat@gmail.com> wrote:

[Quoted text hidden]

Oregon Dept of Transportation

To whom it may concern;

I am a business owner in the Crescent Lake area located on hwy 58.

In regard to your proposed tunnel project. While I understand that the tunnel and its approaches are old and in disrepair. Your project timing is with out a doubt the worst for any and all private business on the hwy 58 corridor.

My business does 80% of its annual business between the months of June and September. If you close the hwy as proposed during the months of July and August it would be devastating to my business as well as all the other seasonal recreation business in the area. 40% of my business comes from trucker's and off hwy stops so really any time is bad but summer months is most definitely the worst time to do this to the business in the area.

You would be putting people out of work as I alone would have to layoff 7 of my employees and the money's lost would not allow me to rehire because the money's made during the summer months is what pay's the employee's winter wages. And remember I am only one business so how many people would you really be putting on the unemployment line??

Your proposal for the tunnel is really just another bandage. You are putting millions of dollars into a tunnel that when you finish will still be inadequate. Have you given any thought into putting in a new tunnel that would match the new 3 lane hwy that you have built? A new tunnel would be straight through instead of on a curve and be wider taller and could also have a safe bike lane for cyclists. This type of project would not disrupt the flow of traffic

on the hwy and would be better for years to come. The old tunnel could become tourist attraction like the covered bridges. Salt Creek Falls tunnel and viewing area.

In any regard if the hwy has to be closed the best time to do so as far as my business and would think any of the businesses in the area would be spring time April, May and first week or two of June.

Mark Bolton

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September 13, 2011

Oregon Department of Transportation
To Whom it My Concern
Via Klamath County Commissioners

Re: Salt Creek Tunnel Project

Rick Little and others from the ODOT at the Crescent Lake Open House brought more information concerning the above named project. I am the manager at Hoodoo's Crescent Lake Resort and am concerned about the proposed highway closures during the months of July and August. These two months are our busiest months of the year; and my concern is that the customers will not pay the extra money to get to the resort. July and August are the months that basically determines whether or not the business is profitable. Closing the highway during these months would definitely determine that the business would be unprofitable.

There is no doubt that the project is a viable one. The timing of the highway closures are the main concern. It would be much better if the project were done during the months of May and June or September and October. There would still be an effect on the business, but not near what it would be in July and August.

Mainly, I am concerned about my job. Losing from 50 to 70% of the business would definitely have an effect.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours truly,



Gil Ernst

TO ODOT REPRESENTATIVE

FROM BOYD E. AND NATALIE B. MORGAN

RE: HIGHWAY 58 TUNNEL PROJECT

WE LIVE IN EUGENE AND HAVE PROPERTY IN THE CRESCENT LAKE JUNCTION AREA. WE HAVE TRAVELLED THE HIGHWAY FOR WELL OVER 60 YEARS AND APPRECIATE THE MODERNIZATION IMPROVEMENTS MADE OVER THAT TIME. WE WISH THE HIGHWAY WAS NOT SUCH AN IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL ARTERY BUT, IT IS WHAT IT IS.

IF THIS MAJOR HIGHWAY WERE BEING BUILT TODAY THE TUNNEL WOULD MOST CERTAINLY NOT BE CONFIGURED AS IT IS. IT IS CURVED, NARROW AND DANGEROUS IN MANY CIRCUMSTANCES OF TRAVEL AS YOU WELL KNOW.

WHY THEN, AFTER ALL OF THE OTHER MODERNIZATION IMPROVEMENTS MADE, ARE WE GOING TO 'PATCH-UP' A 70 YEAR OLD INADEQUATE AND UNSAFE TUNNEL ?

WE NEED A TUNNEL THAT MATCHES THE
MAJOR HIGHWAY STATUS OF THE ROAD.

IF WE MAKE EXPENSIVE REPAIRS NOW, IN THE
MANNER PROPOSED, CERTAINLY THE OPPORTUNITY
TO BUILD A TRULY SAFE MODERN TUNNEL WILL
BE A LOWER PRIORITY AT A LATER DATE.
WILL IT BE ANOTHER 70 YEARS ?

A NEW TUNNEL IS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT OUR ECONOMY NEEDS.
LETS FIND A WAY TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO
BE DONE.

SINCERELY,

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September 13, 2011

Oregon Department of Transportation
To Whom it May Concern
Via Klamath County Commissioners

Re: Salt Creek Tunnel Project

Rick Little, Public Information Officer of ODOT, provided additional information to those attending the Crescent Lake Open House. In the information, it came out that Hwy 58 would be closed for four consecutive days for six times during the months of July and August. This a big concern for this business. Those two months are the busiest months of the year for the resort; and can not be made up at any other time during the year. Any other time of the year would not have near the effect on the business as losing July and August would be. The direct effect would be that we would go to winter time operation, which means loss of jobs. Would it be possible for the project closures to occur during the months of May and June or September and October?

There are two other concerns about the project that we have: 1.) the timing of the letting of the contract, and 2.) the closure dates. Mr. Little stated that the contract would be let in either March or May. That is too late for us to inform our guests so they can plan on the extra expense to travel to the resort. Our suggestion is to let the contract no later than the end of 2011. Also, in the contract, could the dates of the road closure be established? We understand that in project such as this there will be obstacles that arise that changes will have to be made. However, changing the date of the road closure would have a very negative effect on the travel of our guests.

We are hopeful that ODOT will take our letter along with the other letters under consideration and change the project dates so this business as well as the others in the Crescent Lake community would not be devastated.

Yours truly,



Gil Ernst
General Manager

You will be hurting everyone that lives and works in our area. Several of us have to go to Eugene for Doctors appointments, family emergencies and other unexpected reasons.

The people who live in Oakridge and work in our area will become unemployed. Most of the businesses will not be able to get the supplies they need. Not to mention it could force some into financial ruin.

Highway 58 is our life line. Yes we understand the tunnel needs repair however the time frame of this reconstruction is crucial.

It is obvious that summer time is our prime season. The winter season is also an important business time. Since snow season is not a factor it would leave to be a compromise of some kind. Any four month closure will be a total disaster.

A July and August closure would be like cancelling Christmas! 😊

Vicki Kettle: owner Odell Sportsman
Paula Derhorn: owner Moonshine Cafe
I am a new business owner as of July 1st
From what I can tell from business at Crescent Inn, July and August are the money making months. This money is what helps get our businesses thru several months

of no business. July and August would be the worst months to do this project.

Gary and Maggie Hieppner, residents for 18 years who travel to Eugene monthly for Dr. Appts., to shop and I (Maggie) am a CASA volunteer which is a Court Appointed Advocate for children in foster care. I need to attend meetings, visit my CASA kids and attend court hearings.

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