ABOUT THE PROJECT

Contract work on the Walla Walla Ranger District to remove a 45-year-old culvert under Forest Service Road (FSR) 3734 at Little Phillips Creek (adjacent to Highway 204) is scheduled to begin as soon as possible. The aging culvert is failing, posing a public safety hazard. Additionally, this culvert is a fish passage barrier that is causing an outfall pool that traps and kills juvenile Endangered Species Act listed Snake River Steelhead. Once the culvert is removed, this section of FSR 3734 will be closed to vehicle traffic and a portion will be decommissioned.

While the Forest is closing this part of the road, additional dispersed camping and a new road segment will be opened and made available to the public on FSR 3734-350, accessed from FSR 3100 (see map).

The Umatilla National Forest recognizes this change may negatively impact some forest users. Our goal is to balance the needs for access and opportunities for recreation with the needs of the natural resources and the Forest’s available funding.

This project was analyzed under the Little Phillips Creek Culvert Environmental Assessment. The decision on this project was signed on Nov. 7, 2018.

For questions or concerns, please contact Walla Walla District Ranger Mike Rassbach at (509) 522-6293 or visit the project webpage.