

NEWS RELEASE

Rock Slide Blocks Road to Hells Canyon Dam

It could be up to a week before vehicles can be allowed north of Hells Canyon Park. Idaho Power crews are removing a 60-yard-long section of boulders and rock, and clearing additional unstable material from the cliff above the road.

OXBOW, Oregon, January 22, 2015 — The only road to Hells Canyon Dam could be closed for up to a week due to a large rock slide that completely blocked the road about three miles north of Hells Canyon Park Wednesday afternoon.

No one was injured in the slide, which could take up to a week to clear. Motorists will not be allowed past Hells Canyon Park until the road is safe.

The slide is about 60 yards long. Additional unstable material on the cliff above the slide also must be removed before the road is safe. Crews won't know the extent of repairs needed for the road surface until the slide is cleared.



Idaho Power crews worked for several hours on Wednesday to clear one lane long enough for drivers stranded between the slide and Hells Canyon Dam to exit. The road was then closed to allow crews to continue working and also due to the threat of additional slides. Some of the boulders on the road are so large, they have to be blasted to make them small enough to remove.

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Print media: Full-resolution photos available upon request.

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