Congressmen Walden and Blumenauer's Mt. Hood Legislation

TRANSPORTATION

- The Mt. Hood Region is accessed by several major interstate corridors; Highways 26, 35, and Interstate 84. On peak recreational use days, public safety and congestion are major concerns. In addition, the Mt. Hood Forest Transportation Plan shows 3,464 miles of roads in the forest transportation system. Of these roads, 51% are open to traffic while 49% are closed now or could be closed or decommissioned in the future.

- The legislation directs the Forest Service to work with State of Oregon to develop a comprehensive, integrated, multi-modal transportation plan for the Mt. Hood region to enhance existing transportation plans, prioritize projects, and identify revenue sources. A key focus would be identifying transportation alternatives to move more people, but in fewer cars, to and from key recreation destinations.

- The plan would address:

    - Transportation of people to and from the Mt. Hood region on major corridors;

    - Transportation of people from place to place within the Mt. Hood region;

    - Increased park and ride opportunities in gateway communities; and

    - Mechanisms for funding the plan's implementation.

- The legislation also directs the Forest Service to study the feasibility of establishing a gondola connection between Timberline Lodge and Government Camp in the vicinity of the historic gondola corridor, and an intermodal transportation center in or near Government Camp.

- The legislation authorizes $1 million for the Transportation plan.

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