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Bear Camp Road Is Open

Oregon Department of Transportation plowed snow from the Bear Camp Road on Thursday of this week. This opens access from Hiway 101 on the coast near Gold Beach to Interstate 5 near Grants Pass. The single lane paved road typically is blocked by snowdrifts from November and often well into June, requiring motorists to either go North to Highway 42 or South to 199.

ODOT began plowing the snow last spring in a cooperative agreement with Siskiyou National Forest and Josephine County. Fees from the Rogue Wild and Scenic River fee demonstration project fund the hourly cost of the plow and operator. Bear Camp Road is the shuttle route for rafters floating the Wild section of the river. Last year the cost to plow the road was \$562.

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