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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Oversized load traveling through Eastern Oregon Nov. 24-25

Expect overnight traffic delays on U.S. 730, U.S.395, U.S.26, U.S.20 and OR201 as the oversize load heads southeast from Umatilla towards Homedale, Idaho.

Motorists should expect delays of up to twenty minutes Sunday night (Nov. 24) through Monday morning as an oversized transport carrying water purification equipment and parts makes its way from the Port of Umatilla, heading south east through Umatilla, Grant, Baker and Malheur counties in eastern Oregon to the Idaho border near Homedale, ID. The load will travel on segments of Interstate 84, U.S.730, U.S.395, U.S.26, U.S.20 and OR201. Here is a Google Map link showing the route <http://tinyurl.com/oregon-largeload-map> (*cut and paste the link if it does not connect directly*).

The oversize load is expected to travel between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. to reduce the impact to travelers. Movement of the oversized freight will result in slow traffic and delays of up to twenty minutes as it makes its way through the area. Because the load will take up both travel lanes while on two-lane highways, traffic will be stopped on the highways along five to seven miles segments. The load will pull over every five to seven miles if needed to allow backed up traffic to pass. Ultimately, it will cross into Idaho along OR201 near Homedale.

The total transport vehicle and cargo will be 380-feet long, 23 feet wide and 19 feet tall, with the cargo itself being just 96-feet long. Because of the overall height of the load it cannot travel on Interstate 84, except for a short section between Stanfield and Pendleton where it will be routed around overpasses via freeway on and off ramps. The oversized freight will be accompanied by several pilot vehicles to control traffic in front of and behind the transport. The freight contains no hazardous materials, fuels or liquids.

Two additional oversized loads are expected to travel the same route in the November and December timeframe. Transport dates of these shipments are subject to change due to weather conditions or other issues. Additional media notices will be sent when dates and times are available for additional oversized load transports.

Below is the travel route through eastern Oregon:

- From the junction with Devore Rd and U.S.730 near Umatilla to I-84 Exit 188 near Stanfield via U.S.395 southbound.
- From I-84 Exit 188 near Stanfield to I-84 Exit 209 at Pendleton via I-84 eastbound. This includes multiple “up and over” locations (carrier to take the exit, proceed through traffic control device at the top of the intersection, and re-enter the freeway), including Echo Rd Exit 193, Lorenzen Rd Exit 198, Barnhart Rd Exit 202, and U.S.30 Exit 207.
- From I-84 Exit 209 in Pendleton to the junction with U.S. 26 in Mt Vernon via U.S.395 southbound, going through Pilot Rock, Ukiah, and Long Creek.
- From Mt Vernon and John Day via U.S.26/U.S.395 eastbound.
- From John Day to Vale via U.S.26 eastbound, going through Prairie City, Unity, Ironside, and Jamieson.
- From Vale to Clark Blvd (approximately 1 mile west of the junction with OR201) via U.S.20/U.S.26 eastbound.
- From the junction with U.S.20/U.S.26 to the junction with OR201 (approximately 1 mile west of Nyssa) via Clark Blvd southbound.
- From Clark Blvd near Nyssa to the junction with OR201 Spur via OR201 southbound, going through Adrian.
- From the junction with OR201 to the Idaho state line near Homedale, ID, via OR201 Spur eastbound.

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