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Lost Creek Pedestrian Bridge Completion

PORTLAND DISTRICT, NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

NWD Priority: FLTP Project Completion

WHO: NWP Operations Division, Cascades Project Office & Federal Highways Administration

WHAT: Lost Creek Pedestrian Bridge

WHEN: October 10, 2024

WHERE: Portland District, Lost Creek Lake

WHY: Gabions on pedestrian bridge failed causing bridge closure and loss of public and emergency access

WHAT'S NEXT: Maintain public and emergency access and continued partnership with Federal Highways Administration.



Left: Pedestrian Bridge on Lost Creek Lake Trail closed due to failing bridge support gabion



Failed Gabion at bridge intersection.

Removal of old gabion supported pedestrian bridge



Above & Right: New pedestrian bridge physically complete, October 2024



Summary:

The Lost Creek pedestrian bridge provides the only access for emergency (search & rescue) and maintenance equipment for recreation and environmental stewardship management in this management area of Lost Creek Lake. The bridge closure also restricted access to a portion of the National Trails System designated in 1986 by the Dept of Interior and the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service. Initial planning for Lost Creek Pedestrian Bridge began in FY2022 with successful application for Federal Lands Transportation Program funding. Due to increased materials and construction costs, the project was rescoped with assistance from Federal Highways Administration and reached a successful contract award on the third solicitation attempt. The persistence and tenacity of the Cascades Project Office and entire planning team to see the project to completion is commendable. Bridge access will improve recreation, allow for stewardship of project lands, and result in expedited emergency response whenever needed.

