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West Coast Contractors (WCC) of Coos Bay, OR has begun work for the season on the Steven Memorial Bridge on the South Fork of the Smith River near Crescent City, CA. The Federal Highway Administration is financing a number of projects in the area with the goal of upgrading the infrastructure to meet current design standards and the needs of nearby residents and other traffic that rely on the roads.

During last year's construction season, WCC built two new bridges; The Steven Memorial Bridge at 370 feet and Hurdy Gurdy Bridge at 190 feet, located about a mile upstream. WCC also removed the old Hurdy Gurdy structure and completed the groundwork on that site. When construction stopped for the winter, traffic was flowing over both bridges. Work was suspended during the winter months to keep the rivers free of as much dirt and silt as possible.

This year's work will consist of removing the old Steven Memorial Bridge, applying a final coating of asphalt and other finish work. Additionally, a parking area and restroom facilities will be installed as Steven Memorial is a popular put-in spot for rafters enjoying the river. Work is scheduled to be completed at the end of June, with minimal impact to traffic.

WCC has previously dealt with a number of similar projects that require a large amount of pre-planning. To prepare for rigid project timetables, WCC implements its Project Control System which includes setting regular meeting times during the planning and construction phases to schedule important target dates and needed resources. By working out the specific components ahead of time, this project will be completed with efficiency, and the same level of quality that is expected in all of WCC's contracts.

West Coast Contractors is pleased to work alongside the Federal Highway Administration to bring these bridges up to current standards. The new bridges are a step towards making America's infrastructure ready to endure the years to come.

About West Coast Contractors

Founded in 1962, WCC is a general contractor that specializes in heavy construction projects including bridges, harbors, marine facilities, and governmental work. WCC is renowned for construction jobs that are able to withstand severe weather conditions, and is a leader in developing environmentally sound procedures for sensitive locations. Clients include the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Coast Guard, states of Oregon and California, Chevron, NOAA, Roseburg Forest Products, and the Ports of Morrow, Newport and Coos Bay. Find more information visit www.westcoastcontractors.com or Ron Kutch at rkutch@westcoastcontractors.com or via phone 541.267.7689