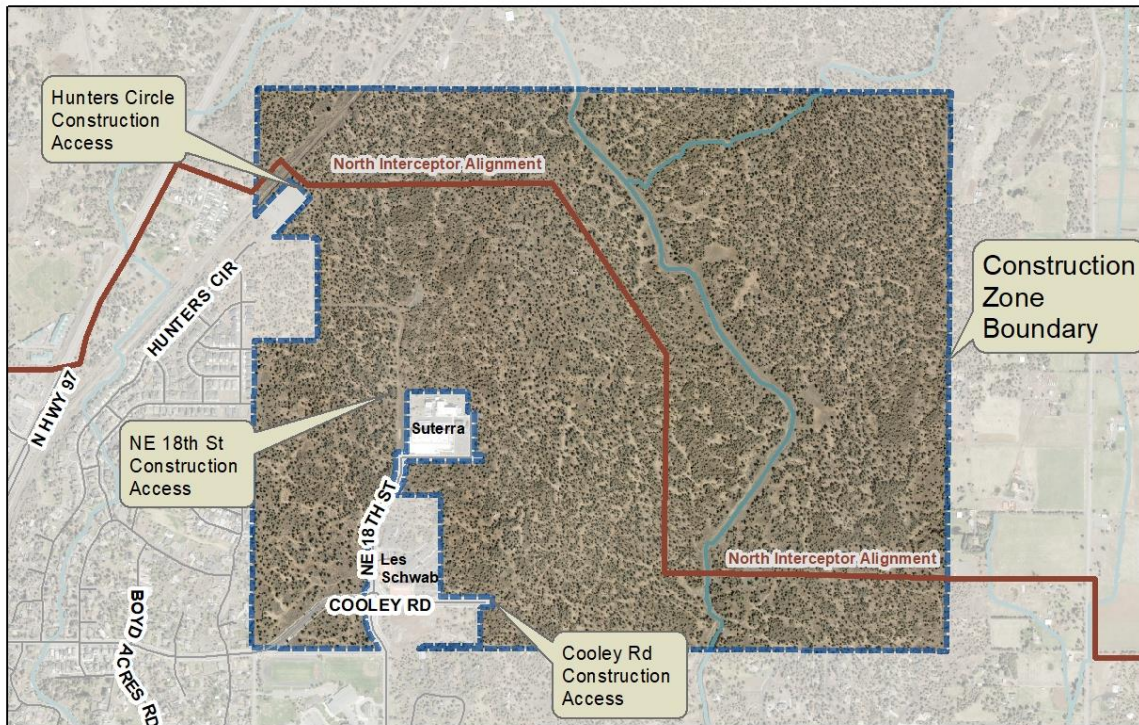




CITY OF BEND

JUNIPER RIDGE CONSTRUCTION PLAN UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 2019



The purpose of this document is to provide an update on the planned construction scheduled within the city-owned portion of the area commonly known as Juniper Ridge. This information is intended for those in and around the construction zone and other interested parties.

Background: The City of Bend owns 1,500 acres of contiguous land within Juniper Ridge, a portion of which is within the city limits. There are multiple established campsites at Juniper Ridge, with varying characteristics, and perhaps several hundred people camping or otherwise residing at Juniper Ridge at any given time. In order to develop the land for employment uses, a required first step is to construct a sewer line (referred to as the North Interceptor). The North Interceptor has been in city sewer plans as early as 1996 and in 2019 the City Council approved funding for its design and construction. The general location of the North Interceptor is delineated by the red line in the map above. Additional information is available: www.bendoregon.gov/juniperridge.

The map above highlights a portion of city-owned property that will be impacted by the planned development. Preconstruction survey work will begin in the Fall of 2019 followed by construction efforts in early Spring 2020, with projected completion scheduled for 2022. Due to the planned development activity, the city intends to treat the area shown above as a “construction zone” in order to ensure the safety of those living and working in and around Juniper Ridge.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are located on the back of this notice in an attempt to clarify commonly requested information regarding this project.

For questions relating to the construction project, call 541-382-3264 or visit www.bendoregon.gov/north-interceptor.

For questions regarding city-owned property at Juniper Ridge, contact Jaime Gomez-Beltran at 541-323-5997 or jgomez-beltran@bendoregon.gov.

JUNIPER RIDGE “CONSTRUCTION ZONE” AREA– FAQs

- 1. Q: When will preconstruction and construction start and how long will it last?**
A: The City of Bend will start survey work (preconstruction) in the Fall of 2019. Construction efforts will begin in early Spring 2020 with completion in 2022.
- 2. Q: What specific areas of Juniper Ridge are going to be heavily impacted during the construction period?**
A: Generally, the area in the aerial photo on the map on the front of this document will be impacted by construction (the “construction zone”). Initial survey work will require mainly truck and personnel access beginning in the Fall of 2019. Construction activities, including those related to the sewer line, are anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2020. At that point, this area will be heavily impacted by construction equipment, vehicles creating noise, personnel, and material storage. Closures to access points from Hunters Circle, 18th Street, and Cooley Road are expected.
- 3. Q: How are the existing campsites going to be impacted?**
A: It is possible that some camps will be impacted by the initial survey work and digging of test pits. Once construction begins in Spring of 2020, camps within and in close proximity to the construction zone will be impacted by earthwork, noise, vibration, dust, traffic, deep trench excavations, and other disturbances and hazards. Access to the “construction zone” will be restricted once construction begins.
- 4. Q: Will people in existing campsites be asked to move from the “construction zone?”**
A: The city will follow state law in removing any homeless individuals from established campsites within the “construction zone.” This area will be used for construction traffic, needed staging areas, and similarly related activities – it won’t be safe for other uses.
- 5. Q: Is the Juniper Ridge area going to remain accessible?**
A: Areas within Juniper Ridge but outside of the “construction zone” will remain accessible. All areas within the “construction zone” will be closed to foot and vehicular traffic from Spring 2020 through the end of construction in 2022.
- Q: Will social service providers be authorized to deliver services and goods to people within the “construction zone?”**
A: Yes. However, delivery of services in the “construction zone” between Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 must be coordinated with the City of Bend. Provision of services is done at the sole risk and responsibility of each service provider. All unauthorized personnel and vehicles will be prohibited from entering the “construction zone” during the aforementioned “construction period.” Proper notices of “No Entry, Construction Zone” will be displayed around the parameter of the outlined area.
- 6. Q: Are people going to be cited for entering city-owned property in Juniper Ridge outside the construction zone?**
A: No. However, the City enforce applicable laws and regulations including but not limited to regulations concerning firearms, vehicular traffic, and campfires.
- 7. Q: What are some of the safety concerns with accessing the “construction zone” during the construction period?**
A: While the sewer line is under construction, the area will be hazardous to navigate by foot and/or vehicle, to reside in, and to use for recreational or non-recreational purposes. Only authorized construction personnel, adhering to strict safety protocols are permitted to enter the area.
- 8. Q: In addition to the preconstruction and construction efforts, will there be other activity?**
A: Yes. The City will be coordinating other efforts with Deschutes County Sheriff Office and Bend Police Department for the removal of abandoned vehicles, hazardous materials, and large concentrations of debris through the end of 2019 and early 2020.
- 9. Q: Are there social service resources available?**
A: Yes. See the attached list of potential service providers.