

Firerock Bridge Removal Project

In 2021, a condition assessment was performed on the Firerock Footbridge in an effort to provide a recommendation of the bridge's condition rating. The bridge, built in the 1970s, has been closed to the public since 2015 due to concerns with its structural integrity and remains closed after the findings in the assessment highlighted the deficiencies and public safety risks.

The Firerock Bridge Project will:

- Remove the derelict wooden pedestrian bridge over the Deschutes River downstream of the Archie Briggs Road bridge. (Refer to graphic on the back of this sheet.)
- Remove the abandoned waterline between Firerock Road to, and including, the valve vault on the west side of the Deschutes River.
- Remove the earthen and wooden staircase on the east side of the Deschutes River.
- Restore the work area on the east and west riverbanks with native seeding and plantings.

Tentative Schedule

Construction is tentatively scheduled to occur between July and October 2024. Limited tree removal and trimming may occur in the Spring of 2024.

During Construction

- Residents should expect construction crews to access the bridge via Broken Arrow Road and/or Firerock Road. Motorized equipment access will be from Broken Arrow Road.
- Access to the river at Broken Arrow Road and Firerock Road will be restricted during active construction.
- Allowable work hours are 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Noise, vibrations and dust will occur during construction.

Stay Up to Date

Your questions and comments can be directed to the contacts below as we continue to plan for and initiate this project. If you have special needs to be considered during the construction phase of this project, please email using the info below.

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Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

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