

**Oregon Public Transportation
Conference
October 3, 2017**



Upper Sandy River – February 2011



The Situation

- Heavy snow in the upper elevations down to the town of Sandy for several days
- Heavy rains with a warm up in temperatures caused flooding issues on the Upper Sandy River
- The Sandy River is a Migrating River
- Flooding Occurred that washed out LoLo Pass Road
- Approximately 250 homes were cut off – Some with Vulnerable Populations

Actions and Lessons Learned

- Partnered with Hoodland Fire for several aspects including:
 - Checking on Residents
 - Working with the community and businesses to develop a way for residents to get groceries, medications, to and from work and other needs
 - Working with personal property owners to obtain permission for four-wheelers to go in and out as needed
- Partnered with the US Forest Service and other public land owners to gain permission for four wheelers to travel in and out of the cut-off areas
- Information was a need in the community on a daily basis – located a “bulletin board” so that residents could get information. Posted at the same time daily.
- Clackamas County Transportation and Maintenance worked on temporary access as new road was being built eventually.

Actions and Lessons Learned, Cont.

- Clackamas County Transportation and Maintenance worked on temporary access as new road was being built eventually.
- Partnered with AT&T to locate a Cell Tower on Wheels (COW) in the area to aid emergency workers, road crews. This also helped residents by boosting their communication abilities from the 250 homes.
- Continue to work with the residents and provide a Flood of Information annually to remind them of the events and the possibilities of flooding on the Sandy River and the possibility of being cut-off.



Thank You

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