

Access and Right-of-Way

Due to the intermingled nature of the public and private lands within the District, each party must cross the lands of the other to access their lands and resources, such as timber. On the majority of the District this has been accomplished through Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreements with adjacent land owners. The individual agreements and associated permits are subject to the regulations that were in effect when the agreements were executed or assigned. Additional rights-of-way have been granted for the construction of driveways, utility lines, water pipelines, legal ingress and egress, construction and use of communication sites, etc.

In FY 2000, the following actions were accomplished:

- 7 permits were issued for timber hauling over existing roads.
- 38 supplements to establish fees for use of existing roads were executed under reciprocal right-of-way agreements.

In FY 2001 we anticipate requests for similar type of actions.

A right-of-way application was received from Coos County in FY 2000 for construction of a 12-inch natural gas pipeline from near Roseburg to Coos Bay. The majority of the proposed route would lie within Coos County's Coos Bay Wagon Road right-of way, the remainder would follow the Bonneville Power Administration's right-of-way corridor on public land for approximately 2.5 miles. Coos County has contracted preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the project, with the District responsible for preparing the Decision Record. The County is working towards completing the EA in time for the decision to be issued by BLM permitting construction of the pipeline by the end of 2001.



Road constructed under Right-of-Way Agreement in the Tioga Creek area.