

Forest Service Road 18 Reconstruction

The Deschutes National Forest plans to reconstruct approximately 6 miles of Forest Service Road (FSR) 18 between the Forest boundary south to the Coyote Butte area. Work is slated to begin September 23, and conclude by November. Work will progress from the Forest boundary east to the Coyote Butte area.



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Current road conditions on Forest Service Road 18 include large pot holes and deteriorating conditions.

Project Overview

The condition of FSR 18 is rapidly deteriorating. FSR 18 is a high-use road providing access to public land for recreation and resource management. Reconstructing this road segment:

- ▲ Improves driving safety and visitor experience
- ▲ Improves critical ingress and egress for first responders in the event of a wildfire
- ▲ Ensures efficient access for key restoration and hazardous fuels reduction treatments

FSR 18 reconstruction is funded through the Forest Service's *Wildfire Crisis Strategy* initiative. Improved road conditions support implementation of the Cabin Butte Vegetation Management Project adjacent to South Bend. The Cabin Butte project will improve forest resilience against large-scale disturbance events such as high-intensity wildfire, damaging insects and disease while decreasing wildfire risk to Bend.



Both lanes of traffic will be closed while work is completed from the Forest boundary to FSR 1810 (Bessie Butte Road) to provide for public safety. The public should avoid this area until construction is complete.



FSR 1815 (Horse Butte Road) can be used to detour around the reconstruction.



During construction between the junction with FSR 1810 to the Coyote Butte area, FSR 18 will be open for one lane of escorted travel.



Areas on both sides of FSR 18 will be inaccessible to vehicle traffic while work is ongoing.

Funding has been allocated to reconstruct an additional segment of FSR 18 from FSR 1815 (Horse Butte Road) to approximately Coyote Butte Road. One lane of traffic will remain open with flaggers during this phase of reconstruction.



Reconstruction will include removing the top layer of existing asphalt. The road cannot be driven on after the top layer of asphalt is removed.

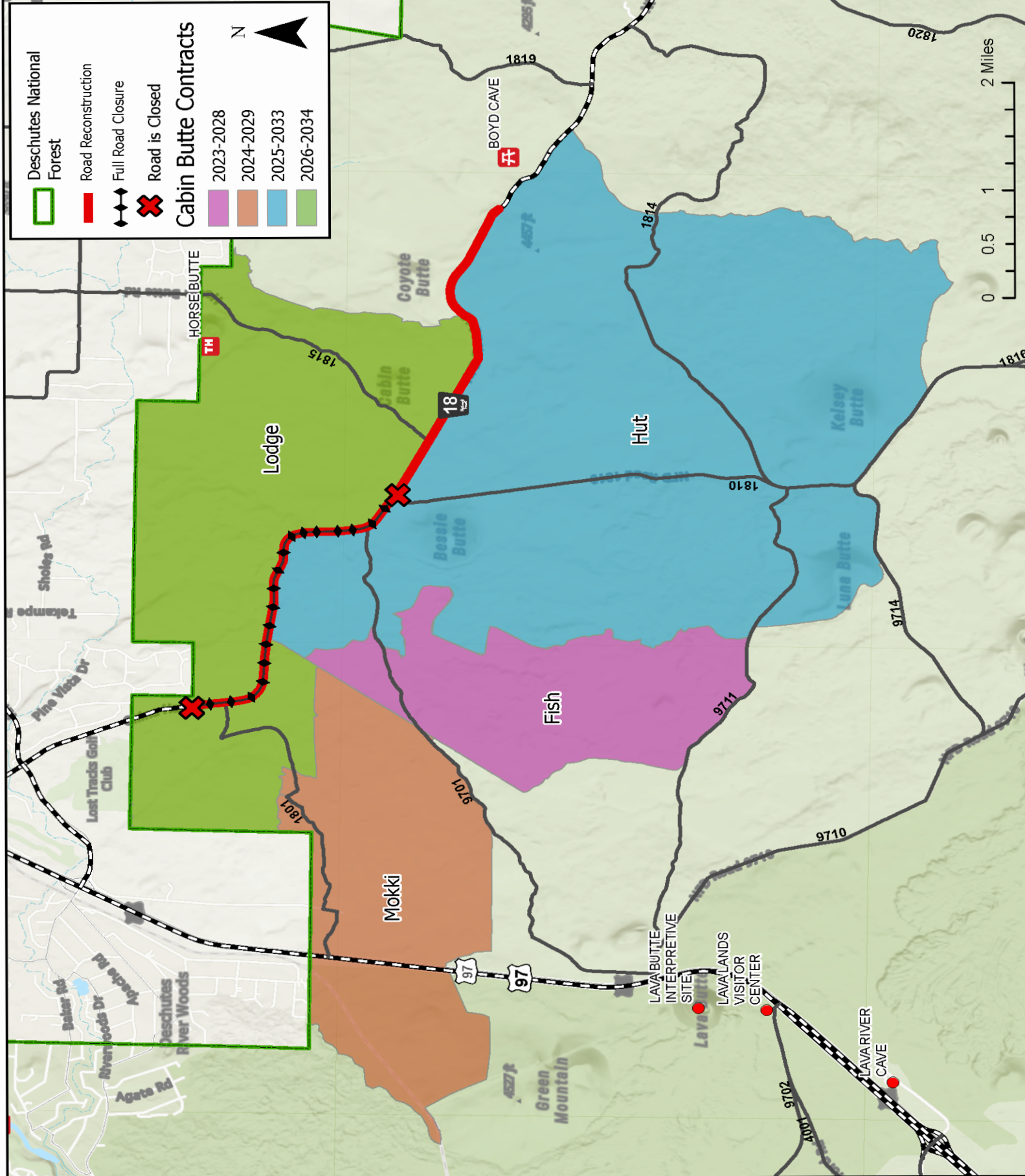
Where applicable, the aggregate base will be replaced and a cement-treated base will be applied on top of the aggregate. The surface will then be repaved.

Road shoulders, ditches and culverts will also be re-established.



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