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## **Buena Vista Ferry to Close for Inspection and Dredging**

SALEM, OR – The Buena Vista Ferry will close on Thursday, July 21, 2016, and will be removed from the river for its required five-year hull inspection by the U.S. Coast Guard. During this time the ferry will also be cleaned and painted, maintenance duties will be performed, and the Willamette River will be dredged to maintain a clear operating path.

Additionally, Buena Vista Road S. will be closed at the intersection with Talbot Road S. for the same time period to ensure the safe operation of the heavy equipment required for the ferry haul out and dredging operations.

Due to the nature of the work the reopening date is unknown but the expected closure time is anticipated to be three to four weeks. The public is asked to travel alternate routes and are discouraged from venturing beyond the closure to view the ferry.

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