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**Rep. John Huffman Helps Secure Legislative Approval For Fossil Fiber-Optic  
Extension Project**

*Project Will Bring Family-Wage Jobs, Economic Development Opportunities To Wheeler County*

**Salem, OR** – The Oregon Legislature has approved \$2 million in lottery bond funds for a fiber-optic extension project in Wheeler County. The bonded funds will be used to deliver fiber-optic capabilities to Fossil, bringing new jobs and economic opportunities to the area.

“As the representative for House District 59, one of my top priorities is to support and advocate for projects that bring new investments and economic development to the region,” said Representative John Huffman (R-The Dalles), who helped win legislative approval for the project. “This project will help support high-wage jobs in Wheeler County and provide a significant infrastructure upgrade for our community.”

The fiber-optic extension is a top priority for Oregon Health and Science University, with the school pledging to create a number of local, full-time positions upon completion of the project.

“I am excited about the opportunities this project will bring to Wheeler County,” said Wheeler County Judge Chris Perry. “Through cooperation between the state, OHSU and county officials, this project will help develop the infrastructure necessary to allow rural Oregon to prosper.”

The lottery bond funds for the project are scheduled to be issued by the state in the spring of 2017.

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