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WORKING FAST ON THE DALLES ROAD CONTRACT

BIG SHOVEL ARRIVES TO START DIRT MOVING FOR CUTS AND HUGE FILL

Activity stepped up even more at The Dalles this week as the Bay Construction Co. really began to move on their job of building the approach road to the Skagit river bridge. A big cat and a shovel were on the job Wednesday to start knocking down the hill between old Grasmere and the Dalles road. The hillside has been cleared from the moving of the dirt.

Grading at this point will provide a maximum of 5 per cent grade. At the south end of the approach the grade will not be over 3 per cent at any point.

A large crew of men were busy Wednesday felling trees and burning them on the right of way south of the hill.

A crusher and screening plant has been set up on the bar, on the north side of the river to furnish sand and gravel for the piers of the bridge. A stockpile is already growing at the bridge site.

North of the site carpenters are building forms for a cattle underpass in the large field that will be bisected by the highway. The field is low and will be crossed by a 27,000-yard dirt fill.

Necessary fencing of the new right of way is being taken care of by the county.