

# NEWS BREAK

**Sunday's News Break selects an article from Sunday, February 7, 2016** of The Seattle Times e-Edition for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected story and answer the attached study questions.

**Mount Hood's iconic Timberline Trail to fully reopen in 2017** (NWTraveler, page I3)

## Pre-Reading and Vocabulary

1. Where is Mount Hood located? What does it mean when something is iconic? Look up the definition of "iconic" if you are unsure of the meaning. Why do you think a trail would be iconic?
2. **Vocabulary: Match the words to the numbered definitions below.**

- A. circuit
- B. crossing
- C. debris
- D. exposure
- E. feasible
- F. geology
- G. glacial flow
- H. opted
- I. navigate
- J. relocate
- K. spectacular
- L. sustainable
- M. swath
- N. washed out

- 1. to move to a new place
- 2. the pieces that are left after something has been destroyed
- 3. to choose one thing instead of another
- 4. a long, wide strip of land
- 5. a path or trip around something
- 6. to travel on, over, or through (an area or place)
- 7. the rocks, land, processes of land formation, etc., of a particular area
- 8. a place where you can cross a street, stream, etc.
- 9. able to last or continue for a long time
- 10. possible to do
- 11. carried or eroded away by moving water
- 12. a mass of snow and ice flowing mostly down gradient due to gravity
- 13. the fact or condition of being affected by something or experiencing something
- 14. causing wonder and admiration; very impressive

## Comprehension

1. In what state is Mount Hood located?
2. The Timberline Trail is a 40-mile \_\_\_\_\_ of Mount Hood. **(Fill in the blank)**
3. What occurred in 2006 that caused the Timberline Trail to be partly closed since then?
4. What has the trail being partly closed forced hikers to do?
5. What did Forest engineering specialists determine wasn't feasible at the old crossing?
6. Forest engineering specialists opted to reroute the trail 1.5 miles, which according to Claire Pitner, east side recreation manager for Mount Hood, will minimize exposure to what?
7. Forest Service employees said finding a sustainable solution for the trail was difficult given the mountain's what?
8. Claire Pitner said that the Forest Service tried to locate the trail so that it would be minimally impacted on an annual basis by changes in \_\_\_\_\_. **(Fill in the blanks)**

## Additional Activities

1. Have you ever been on a hike before? Break into small groups and share any experiences you have had hiking. What did you see and hear on your hike? Also discuss some of the benefits of hiking in nature.
2. As a class or in small groups, discuss how to prepare for a hike and how to be safe while hiking. Find out about trails you can hike in Washington state at: <http://www.wta.org/> and learn about hiking and camping basics at <http://www.wta.org/hiking-info/basics>.

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### **Answer Key to Vocabulary**

- A. 5
- B. 8
- C. 2
- D. 13
- E. 10
- F. 7
- G. 12
- H. 3
- I. 6
- J. 1
- K. 14
- L. 9
- M. 4
- N. 11

### **Answer Key to Comprehension Questions**

- 1. Oregon
- 2. circuit
- 3. A debris flow destroyed a bridge and washed out a large swath of trail.
- 4. It has forced hikers to either cut their trip short or take a more difficult crossing.
- 5. They determined that a permanent bridge wasn't feasible.
- 6. It will minimize exposure to boulders that could pose a hazard to hikers.
- 7. The mountain's unstable geology of loose rocks and melting glaciers. (Cost was also an issue) (Answers may vary)
- 8. glacial flow