



Snohomish County
Public Works

Index-Galena Road Update

Update on Index-Galena Road Damaged by November 2006 Floods



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Index-Galena project web page:

www.snoco.org, search "Index-Galena"

In the office

A Design Report (30% design stage) should be completed by early 2011 after it is reviewed by the public and other agencies. The report will discuss the merits of the four alternatives developed during the initial Route Feasibility Phase. The alternatives range from "No Action" (no re-establishment of the damaged road) to build alternatives that include "Relocating the Road into the Hillside".

Once the document is finalized it will be presented to the County Council with a recommendation from Public Works. The Council recommendation will then go to WSDOT and FHWA for final approval, also in 2011. If the Design Report is approved, the 100% Design and Permit approval stage would occur from approximately 2011 to 2013 with construction from 2013 to 2015.

In the field

Snohomish County Road Maintenance repaired the shoulder and embankment at milepost 10.5 in July 2010. The Forest Service is working on the Troublesome Creek Campground beyond the gate and expects to have it opened in spring 2011. Prior to the campground opening, the County will move the gate just upstream from MP 10.9 so Road Maintenance crews can finish the repairs at MP 10.9 during summer 2011. Once the repairs at MP 10.9 are completed, the gate can be taken down.

This winter

The County has been notified to prepare for severe winter weather this year. Road Maintenance will be unable to plow the road when snow season begins. Now is a good time to gather emergency supplies for your home, office and vehicle before winter.

If you have questions for the Forest Service

Eric Ozog, Realty Specialist for the Forest Service, provided the following numbers to use if you have questions related to their facilities. You can call the Skykomish office of the Forest Service at (360) 677-2414, or contact the Verlot Public Service Center, (360) 691-7791, 8am – 4pm, seven days per week. You can contact Eric at the Verlot Center or via e-mail at eozog@fs.fed.us. The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest web page can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs/>

Matt Rikken from the Darrington Ranger Station provided this phone number: (360) 436-1155, M-Sat, 8am - 4:30pm. The Darrington Ranger District covers the Mt. Loop and Suiattle River area. Information about Forest Service campgrounds is listed on the Hoodoo web site at <http://www.hoodoo.com/>.