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Re: Comments on Draft Environmental Assessment for the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East -
Public Safety/Wildlife Closure Area

Thank you to the team at the U.S. Forest Service that is working to implement a public
safety and wildlife closure on National Forest land within and adjacent to the I-90
crossing structures east of Snoqualmie Pass, encompassing about 4,888 acres.

On behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and our coalition of government
agencies, nonprofit organizations, individuals and businesses working to steward the
Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area connecting Seattle to Snoqualmie
Pass to Ellensburg, I want to lend our strong support of this closure to protect wildlife in
the heart of this federally designated landscape.

Significant public investments in land conservation and habitat restoration have been
made in this corridor. The Washington State Department of Transportation, Okanogan-
Wenatchee National Forest, and the public have made substantial investments in
building wildlife crossings on I-90, which resulted in increased safety for both people and
animals in the state's busiest east-west travel route. Wildlife need space to roam and to
travel these new over- and under-crossings. This proposed closure area should remain in
place in order to avoid negative interactions between people and wildlife.

The proposed closure is reasonable and has very little effect on recreation as no open
trails or recreation areas are affected. Adjustments to boundaries have been made to
allow for winter activities near Gold Creek and at Swamp Creek, Cabin Creek and along
ski trails. Much of this area has already been closed since the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East
crossing structures were built.

Please approve and implement this proposed closure. Thank you for your consideration
and for your stewardship of wildlife in our national forestlands.

Sincerely,

Amy Brockhaus
Deputy Director