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Comments: The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest matters to me. I drove through the wildlife crossing structure at Snoqualmie Pass last year and noticed how innovative it was. Creating safe places for wildlife to cross is important - and I see that the 10,000th animal safely crossed just last month!. What matters most: wildlife migrations are crucial to keep populations viable. If this goes through, it would be disappointing if the crossings were disturbed and animals spooked by humans... even those that meant the animals no harm.

I support this action and urge the agency to advance it.

I ask the agency to respond to each of the following issues in the record:

1. I support the proposed closure of nearly 4,900 acres of Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest land to protect wildlife using the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East crossing structures.
2. Restricting access to 3.2 miles of Bonneville Power Administration roads near the crossing infrastructure is a reasonable step to keep both the public and wildlife safe.
3. The I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East wildlife crossing structures represent a significant investment in habitat connectivity, and a dedicated closure area helps ensure those structures function as intended.