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Comments: I support the proposed permanent I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Public Safety/Wildlife Closure.

The wildlife crossing structures along I-90 are a major investment in public safety and wildlife connectivity. The crossings are already demonstrating their value, with more than 38,000 medium and large animals documented using the completed structures and wildlife-vehicle collisions reduced to almost zero on the completed portion of the project.

Keeping people out of the areas immediately surrounding the crossings is necessary to ensure that wildlife can safely use these structures. The Forest Service's analysis recognizes that human activity near crossings can reduce wildlife use and compromise their effectiveness.

Thank you for protecting public safety and wildlife connectivity in the I-90 corridor.