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Mountain Loop Highway Seasonal Closure Begins Wednesday, Nov. 9

Snohomish County Public Works, Sheriff's Office, and U.S. Forest Service to close road between Deer Creek and Bedal gates

EVERETT, Wash., Monday, Nov. 7, 2022 – Lowland rain means highland snow. With the winter weather picking up at higher elevations, Snohomish County Public Works, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, will close Mountain Loop Highway on Wednesday, Nov. 9. The closure is for traffic in both directions and will be officially enforced from the Deer Creek Gate to the west and the Bedal Gate to the east.

"Snohomish County Public Works has worked in concert with the U.S. Forest Service, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, and many of the surrounding towns to make sure this is the right time to close the highway," Snohomish County Public Works Director Kelly Snyder said. "This closure, prior to the predicted storms and potential snow and ice events in the coming weeks, is both prudent and practical. Our number one priority is to keep everyone safe."

The 14-mile road is closed each winter due to snow and road conditions between the Bedal Gate and Barlow pass. Each spring, the Public Works Road Maintenance Division coordinates with the U.S. Forest Service to perform any necessary maintenance on the road prior to its reopening.

During the summer months, more than 100 cars on average use this route each day with up to 200 cars traveling each day on the weekend.

View the Snohomish County [road closures webpage](#) to get up to date information on closed county roads.

About Snohomish County Public Works

Snohomish County Public Works is responsible for approximately 1,600 miles of county roads, more than 200 bridges and manages about 200 traffic control signals. The department also processes nearly 600,000 tons of garbage per year. Its mission is to focus on safety and mobility while practicing fiscal responsibility and preserving the environment. Public Works has won numerous state and national honors for its work and is the largest department within Snohomish County government with approximately 500 employees plus seasonal staff. Its main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA 98201. Visit [the Snohomish County Public Works webpage](#) or follow the department on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for more information about Snohomish County Public Works.