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## **One lane to be closed on Granite Falls Bridge Nov. 5-6**

Traffic will be reduced to one lane over Granite Falls Bridge #102 on November 5 and 6, 2003, Snohomish County Public Works has announced. The two-lane steel bridge spans the South Fork Stillaguamish River on the Mountain Loop Highway just east of Granite Falls.

Signage will be posted along the highway prior to the closure to warn approaching motorists, and flaggers will be stationed at both ends of the bridge during the closure to direct traffic.

The two-day closure is necessary while inspectors remove and examine paint and steel samples. The results of the tests will help determine what kinds of materials the County will use when it rehabilitates the 70-year-old bridge. The \$3-million rehabilitation project, tentatively scheduled for construction in 2005, will widen the bridge from 20 feet to at least 30 feet to increase safety and better accommodate pedestrians. The bridge deck and railings also will be replaced as part of the project. Other details of the rehabilitation have not yet been finalized, but Public Works will keep residents fully

informed on the project.

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