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Traveling Labor Day weekend? What you need to know

Heavy holiday traffic is expected this weekend, but drivers can avoid backups by knowing the best times to travel. We've [posted typical travel times](#) for vacationers trying to cross the Cascades on I-90 and US 2, and people driving on I-5.

While most construction will be off the road, we have a few warnings about [detours and speed zones](#) for which some drivers should prepare. [Ferry traffic](#) also will be heavy, and drivers should plan for delays – especially in the afternoon and evening on Friday and Sunday, and Monday morning. Once you are on the road, call 511 to hear about incidents and other delays that might pop up.

As summer vacation ends, long-term lane closures on I-90 begin

Just when you thought construction was winding down for the season, WSDOT and construction crews are getting ready to kick it into high gear on I-90 after Labor Day. By waiting until heavy summer travel volumes subside, we hope to reduce impacts to travelers on this critical cross-state route.

The following restrictions will be in place on I-90 from Easton ([milepost 69](#)) to [Bullfrog Road](#) (milepost 79) 24 hours a day starting Sept. 8 through early November.

- Eastbound traffic will be restricted to one lane starting Sept. 8.
- Eastbound and westbound traffic will be restricted to one lane starting Sept. 13.
- Westbound traffic will be rerouted to the eastbound side of the highway, as early as Sept. 16.
- On weekends, three lanes will be open – two lanes eastbound Friday through Sunday morning; two lanes westbound Sunday morning through early Monday morning.

Sign up to receive [e-mails](#) when travel conditions on I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass change.

US Forest Service gives WSDOT a thumbs-up on the I-90 Project

It's another green light for the [I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project](#) (I-90 Project).

The I-90 Project crosses through two national forests – the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest and the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. In order to build the project, we needed additional right-of-way within the national forests. After a [presentation](#) given by WSDOT staff in August, both forest supervisors signed a Letter of Consent. The letter gives WSDOT immediate entry onto National Forest lands for reconstruction of I-90 and highlights another milestone in our continued collaboration with the Forest Service on the project. The letter authorizes access to National Forest land based upon approved project designs, and requires WSDOT to follow regulations required by the US Forest Service.

This milestone is the result of years of collaboration between WSDOT's I-90 Project Team and the US Forest Service staff.

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