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Interstate 90 Snoqualmie Pass East
Kittitas County, Washington
Avalanche Structures Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Washington State Environmental Policy Act, the Interstate 90 (I-90) Snoqualmie Pass East, Avalanche Structures Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluates environmental conditions between milepost 57.9 and 58.4 of I-90 in Kittitas County, Washington. The Washington State Department of Transportation is evaluating a design modification to construct eastbound and westbound avalanche bridges in place of an expanded snowshed that was originally part of the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project (I-90 project) Selected Alternative. This design modification is being considered because it would result in long-term operations and maintenance cost savings for the state. Both options meet project needs (avalanches, slope instability, structural deficiencies, traffic volumes, and ecological connectivity) and each option has distinct benefits and impacts presented in this Draft Supplemental EIS. Comments on this document are due by November 19, 2012, and should be sent to Jason Smith at the above address. Additional single copies of this document may also be obtained free of charge by contacting Jason Smith.