

I-90 corridor e-mail update

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Compare snowfall data over Snoqualmie Pass – and then blog about it

Snoqualmie Pass received a lot of snow this past month. In fact, as of Feb. 26, we have received 426 inches of snow at the pass. How does that compare to previous years? You can [view the numbers](#) yourself for the last half a century.

Do you have something to say about the winter weather at the passes? Go ahead and [blog about it](#). We want to hear your comments, so feel free to post what is on your mind.

Don't miss the deadline for Bridging Futures IV Art and Essay Contest

Attention young artists: the [deadline is quickly approaching](#) for the Bridging Futures IV art and essay contest, so don't forget to turn in your masterpiece. Winning entries will be featured on a billboard along a highway near you.

Watch the elk feed and learn about the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project

The next time you go sight-seeing at the Oak Creek Elk Feeding Station near Naches, you will notice informational signs for the [I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project](#). That's because the I-90 Project will not only improve the highway and the safety of drivers, it will also improve the safety and habitat of wildlife. WSDOT is working with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to help educate the public about [wildlife migration](#).

In the mid-1940s, the Department of Fish and Wildlife (then the Department of Game) began building almost 100 miles of 8-foot-high fences to keep the elk from damaging private property in the Tieton, Naches, and Wenas Creek valleys, as well as on the south side of the Kittitas Valley. The Elk Feeding Station now serves roughly 9,500 elk.

WSDOT site profiles new strategies to fight congestion and improve safety

WSDOT is exploring new congestion-reducing innovations to make our highways less congested, longer lasting and safer for all. Three new Web pages – [Congestion](#), [Preservation](#) and [Safety](#) – now offer detailed information about how we're facing current and future transportation challenges with new technology, new goals and new ideas.

Work zone speed enforcement cameras coming soon

This spring, WSDOT will try something new to make work zones safer. For the 2008 construction season, we will launch a [six-month pilot project](#) to see how well new technology can slow work zone traffic to improve safety for workers, drivers and their passengers.

There are close to 2,000 traffic incidents each year in state highway work zones. While high-profile incidents have decreased, smaller ones that block traffic and cause lesser injuries keep going up. The top two causes of work zone crashes are speeding and inattentive driving. More of them are rear-enders than any other collision type.

Soon, at projects around the state, automated traffic safety camera systems will photograph license plates of vehicles that speed through work zones. The goal is to get drivers to voluntarily slow down.

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