



SR 14 Rockfall Mitigation - White Salmon Vicinity

Rockfall happens!

Rockfall can occur any time, anywhere
Rockfall is more common than you might think.
WSDOT's Maintenance crews in the Columbia River Gorge are constantly cleaning up rock slides and rockfall.

WSDOT recycles the rock, using it for construction and maintenance needs elsewhere.

What does WSDOT do to protect drivers?
WSDOT removes loose rock and installs rock bolts and protective fencing to shield drivers and the roadway from the vast majority of rockfall that occurs.

How will this project prevent future rockfall?

The SR 14 Rockfall Mitigation - White Salmon Vicinity project will clear potentially hazardous rocks, debris and trees from the slope above SR 14 and install rock bolts and cable fencing to prevent rockfall onto the highway.



One WSDOT employee got a big surprise when a rock crashed through his windshield while driving through the Columbia River Gorge. No one was injured, and his vehicle was repaired.

What can drivers expect during construction?

Between March and September 2010, crews will perform blasting and scaling work to remove loose rocks and debris. For the safety of drivers and construction crews, these activities require two-hour full closures of SR 14, seven days a week.

No detour is available for the closures near Dog Mountain (mile posts 53.76 to 54.10). WSDOT is pre-scheduling closures to allow drivers to plan their trips and avoid long delays:

March 1 - June 14

SR 14 will be fully closed from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. each day

June 15 - September 2

SR 14 will be fully closed in two-hour intervals and will reopen for one hour in-between:

7 a.m. - 9 a.m. - **CLOSED**

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. - **OPEN**

10 a.m. - Noon - **CLOSED**

Noon - 1 p.m. - **OPEN**

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - **CLOSED**

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. - **OPEN**

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. - **CLOSED**

6 p.m. - **OPEN until 7 a.m. the next day**

For the closures near White Salmon, a detour is available via the SR 141 Spur:

- Eastbound on SR 14, turn left on SR 141 Spur, then right on SR 141 and left on SR 14
- Westbound on SR 14, turn right on SR 141, then left on SR 141 Spur and right on SR 14

Contact us

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