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Snohomish County to Partially Open Mountain Loop Highway from Deer Creek to Barlow Pass before Summer Holiday Travel Begins

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Wash., May 18, 2023 – Working in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Snohomish County Public Works will reopen Mountain Loop Highway between the Deer Creek and Barlow Pass gates at approximately 7:30 a.m. on Friday, May 19. The remaining 12-mile unpaved section of the roadway from Barlow Pass to Bedal Campground will remain closed until the USFS determines the route is safe for travel.

“Normally, Mountain Loop Highway remains closed through Memorial Day, so we are pleased to provide early access to this very popular outdoor destination ahead of schedule,” Public Works Director Kelly Snyder said. “We ask that visitors respect the remaining closure while enjoying the many recreational opportunities accessible along the west side of the highway.”

During summer weekends, more than 200 cars use this route daily to access the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest between Granite Falls and Darrington.

View the [road closure webpage](#) for updates and to learn of closed county roads.

About Snohomish County Public Works

Snohomish County Public Works is responsible for approximately 1,600 miles of county roads, more than 200 bridges and manages about 200 traffic control signals. The department also processes nearly 600,000 tons of garbage per year. Its mission is to focus on safety and mobility while practicing fiscal responsibility and preserving the environment. Public Works has won numerous state and national honors for its work and is the largest department within Snohomish County government with approximately 500 employees plus seasonal staff. Its main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA 98201. Visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks or follow the department on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for more information about Snohomish County Public Works.

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