Following an extensive feasibility study, Snohomish County is proposing to replace the washed-out section of Index-Galena Road between mileposts 6.4 and 6.9. The field of fourteen alternatives has been whittled down to four. The recommended option is to move the road further upslope away from the river. Property owners and other interested citizens are invited to an open house on July 14 to view displays of the alternative alignments and speak with project staff.

Project Background

Index-Galena Road is located along the Skykomish River in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in southeast Snohomish County. In the fall of 2006, the road was severely damaged by flooding at eight different mileposts. The road has been closed at milepost 6.4 approximately 5.5 miles east of the Town of Index since the flooding occurred.

In 2007, Snohomish County held a meeting with local residents to discuss possibilities for repairing and rebuilding the road.

In June 2008, Snohomish County conducted a route feasibility study to develop options for restoring the roadway from just east of Trout Creek Bridge near milepost 6.0 to a logical connecting point near milepost 6.9.

Route Feasibility Study

The Final Route Feasibility Study is available on the County’s Web site, www.snoco.org, search “Index-Galena.”

Of the fourteen alternatives studied, the recommended alternative selected by the County involves replacing the lost section of roadway with a new road to be cut into the hillside at a higher elevation above the river. If approved, construction of the new roadway is expected to begin in 2012 or 2013.

Citizens who are unable to attend the July 14 open house may send questions or comments on the proposal to transportation@snoco.org. Please include “Index-Galena” in the subject line. Written comments may also be mailed to:

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