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## **Mountain Loop Highway to Partially Open Between the Deer Creek and Barlow Pass Gates Tomorrow Afternoon**

*Snohomish County Public Works and U.S. Forest Service still working to reopen from Barlow Pass to the Bedal Campground*

**EVERETT, Wash., Tuesday, May 18, 2021** – Snohomish County Public Works, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, will reopen Mountain Loop Highway to traffic between the Deer Creek and Barlow Pass gates on the westside of the pass in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 19. The rest of the highway, a 12-mile unpaved section of the United States Forest Service roadway from Barlow Pass to the Bedal Campground, will remain closed while county crews complete maintenance from winter weather. Mountain Loop Highway has been seasonally closed since December 2020.

“We are especially pleased to be opening this section two weeks early so those who want to use the campgrounds and other amenities on the westside of the pass have access,” Snohomish County Public Works Director Kelly Snyder said. “This is a very popular outdoor destination and our crews are working hard to get the middle gravel section of the highway ready for public use. We hope that everyone will be respectful of the remaining closure while our staff work with heavy machinery to prep the road.”

Snohomish County Road Maintenance crews are actively clearing downed trees, filling potholes, and performing drainage work in some sections on the closed road between Barlow Pass and the Bedal Campground.

“Some sections of the road just need to dry out a bit more before we can safely open to the public,” Snohomish County Public Works Deputy Director and County Engineer Doug McCormick said. “But getting even a portion of the highway open this early is a big win for residents.”

Historically, Mountain Loop Highway remains closed until Memorial Day. During the summer months, more than 100 cars on average use this route each day with up to 200 cars traveling each day on the weekend.

View the [road closure map](#) 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](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks) for more information about Snohomish County Public Works.

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