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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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US 2 reopens over Stevens Pass after two day closure Only east-west route now open across the state

Stevens Pass, WA – US 2 has reopened to traffic after a two day closure caused by flooding and avalanche danger. The pass reopened at 3:55 p.m. today, making it the only viable east-west route across the state.

The Washington State Department of Transportation expects this route will be heavily used by drivers trying to get across the mountain passes.

WSDOT has taken several steps to make sure traffic moves as smoothly as possible:

- Three Incident Response Teams will be stationed from Monroe, across the summit and to Leavenworth to quickly respond to stalls, collisions and motorists in need of assistance.
- We have coordinated signal timing through Monroe to improve the flow of traffic
- Traction tires are required for passenger vehicles
- Chains are required for trucks over 10,000 lbs

I-90 over Snoqualmie Pass and US 12 at White Pass remain closed until further notice.

Know before you go

Drivers are urged to check their entire route before they travel. Conditions in the Cascades can change quickly. For information about Stevens Pass, go to:

www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/passes/stevens/default.aspx. For other mountain passes go to:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/passes

WSDOT has established a county-by-county list of road closures at:

www.wsdot.wa.gov/news/update/.

You can also read the WSDOT blog wsdotblog.blogspot.com/ for more WSDOT stories, see photos from around the state on Flickr www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot and videos on YouTube www.youtube.com/user/wsdot.

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