

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

25-05

Interstate 90/Bullfrog Road Overpass Damage

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2025, the Bullfrog Road overpass, Bridge 90/133 spanning Interstate 90 in Kittitas County was severely damaged when a vehicle with an over-height load struck the overpass from below; and

WHEREAS, the damage sustained to the Bullfrog Road overpass, Bridge 90/133 caused immediate safety and serviceability concerns and significantly reduced the lifespan of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation took immediate emergency measures, closing all westbound travel on Interstate 90 beneath the girders damaged by the collision, which closure affects traffic service on the state's primary east-west highway and in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources to repair the roadway and is working to implement repairs; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the repairs necessitated by the collisions, which were approved by the Washington State Secretary of Transportation, could exceed \$8,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the bridge damage and its effects continue to impact the life and health of the people in the state of Washington, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure, all of which affect life, health, property, and the public peace, and constitute a public emergency necessitating immediate action; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation will enable the Washington State Department of Transportation to access Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief funds and will support expedited contracting processes for repairing the damage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation and under Chapters 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Kittitas County, and direct that

the plans and procedures in the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented in this county. State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources in accordance with the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the incident.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 23rd day of October A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty-Five at Ridgefield, Washington.

	By:
	/s/
	Bob Ferguson Governor
BY THE GOVERNOR	
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Secretary of State	