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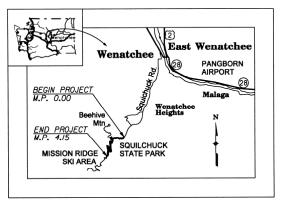
MISSION RIDGE ROAD Washington Forest Highway 216 (County Road 10080)

Project WA PFH 216-1(1)

The Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, Chelan County, and the Washington State Department of Transportation, is planning a project to reconstruct Mission Ridge Road, Forest Highway (FH) 216.

The project would begin approximately 600 feet north of the entrance to Squilchuck State Park and would terminate at Mission Ridge Ski Area. The project length is approximately 4.2 miles.

The purpose of this project is to provide a safer and more efficient transportation route for motorists traveling to Mission Ridge Ski surrounding forest Area. areas. and residences. The road is narrow with minimal quardrail. Storage areas for plowed snow are inadequate. Unstable slopes result in maintenance problems and sediment transport into streams.



The road would be widened to a width of 28 feet and would have two 11-foot lanes and

two 3-foot shoulders. Drainage structures and guardrail would be added, and slopes would be stabilized. Some curves would be realigned. Property acquisition from Squilchuck State Park would be required.

The environmental assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation can be seen at Chelan County offices or at www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/missionridge. We request input regarding the environmental analysis, 4(f) Evaluation, permits, and approvals. If you wish information about the proposed project, wish to comment on potential environmental impacts, or wish to request a public meeting, please contact Rochelle Byars at (360) 619-7952 or email Ms. Byars at rochelle.byars@fhwa.dot.gov before May 20, 2006. Written questions or comments can be sent to Ms. Byars at the address below:

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