

COMMENT FORM FOR: MARK JOHNSON - ID# 3099

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Comment Information	
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Attachments	This is addressed to the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission

I am writing in reference to the possibility of closing the RR crossing on the Hickox Road in Skagit County. I oppose this for two reasons. The first is safety reasons. The Cedardale Fire Department is located on the Hickox road (east side of I-5). Their main access to all houses between the RR tracks and the Skagit River is the Hickox Road. If this RR crossing is discontinued, it will mean extra time for them to arrive either at a fire or a personal emergency of the residents west of the RR tracks. This could mean much loss of property or even death if their arrival time is delayed. The second is for convenience. Exit #224 (which leads to the Hickox RR crossing) on I-5 is the main access to many of the residents west of the RR tracks. If it is necessary to close a RR crossing between Conway and Mount Vernon, it would make much more sense to close either the Stackpole or the Johnson road RR crossing.

I do not know who is introducing this possible piece of legislation. However, it must be from someone who does not live in Skagit Country and certainly not from someone who is familiar with the Hickox Road. If this person were living in this area, I can't imagine why such a piece of legislation would even be considered.