



## Latest News About the Snoqualmie Valley



# Snoqualmie Valley Connections

Welcome to the spring edition of the quarterly Snoqualmie Valley Connections, your local source for news and information about forests, farms, fish, wildlife and waterways, recreation, outdoor education and community engagement.

## FORESTS

**New resources for forest owners** - King Conservation District (KCD) is collaborating with local municipalities to identify shared forestry needs. If funding is approved the end result will be more support for both urban and rural forest land managers. Small forest land owners in the Snoqualmie Valley would be able to access forest health management education and technical assistance, attend workshops, and receive cost-share support for implementing best management practices on their land. [Learn more about this process.](#)



## FARMS

**Balancing farms, salmon, and floods** - "Find a way to concurrently strengthen agriculture, restore salmon habitat, and reduce flood impacts in the Snoqualmie Valley." This is the highly complex task that has been put before the Fish, Farm, Flood Advisory Committee mandated by King County Council and overseen by King County Water and Land Resources Division. For the last five months this 14-member committee has been working to find creative solutions to the very complex issues surrounding agriculture, fish, and flooding in the Snoqualmie Valley.



For more information visit the [Fish, Farm, Flood webpage](#) or our latest [blog post](#).

## FISH, WILDLIFE & WATERWAYS

**New stream buffer requirements** - Tree buffers along streams and rivers help to provide the cool, clean water, food, and refuge that salmon need. New federal and state rules require that buffers extend a minimum 100 feet to qualify for funding. This new requirement may have unintended consequences in areas like the lower Snoqualmie



Valley where 80 percent of the riverfront is privately owned farmland. [Learn more about new buffer requirements and the Snoqualmie Valley.](#)



## RECREATION

**Middle Fork road closures** - A major construction project on the Middle Fork Road starts the week of May 5 and will require weekday closures of the notoriously bumpy road. The project will repave the roadway and replace bridges and culverts, reducing sediment washing into the river and greatly improve the water quality in the valley. In addition to the paving project, non-profit groups are teaming up to complete projects in the Valley to improve recreational access. [Learn more about these projects in the Middle Fork.](#)



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Supporting food banks through surplus harvesting** - Sno-Valley Harvest, located in Carnation, increases access to healthy and locally grown food by gleaning surplus food and distributing it through Hopelink food banks. The food is collected from farms, farmers markets, and individual donors. Thanks to partnerships with growers, volunteers, and community organizations in the Snoqualmie Valley, over 53,000 pounds of locally grown produce was collected and distributed through Hopelink food banks in 2013. [Learn more and sign up to volunteer](#) or visit their [Facebook page](#).



## FARM DINNERS TO SUPPORT THE VALLEY

We hope you will join us this summer for our Snoqualmie Valley farm dinners, with proceeds benefiting the collaborative efforts in the valley.

### Feast on the Farm

July 24 | Local Roots Farm

Learn more and purchase tickets at [www.stewardshippartners.org](http://www.stewardshippartners.org)

### Snoqualmie Valley Farm Tour & Dinner

September 10 | Camp Korey at the historic Carnation Farm

Learn more at [www.mtsgreenway.org](http://www.mtsgreenway.org)

## SNOQUALMIE STRATEGY

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Let us know what you think!

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