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Road Delays for the Week of June 2-5, 2025

Road crews will begin chip sealing on Monday, June 2nd in the Green Mountain Road area east of Kalama. The tentative order of chip seal completion will be Schmitz Road, Green Mountain Road (from Shirley Gordon Road to Lane Road), Shirley Gordon Road, Green Mountain Road (from Old Pacific Hwy in Woodland to Lane Road), Lane Road, South Cloverdale Road (from N Burke to Confer Road), Martin's Bluff Road, Cloverdale Road (from Acredale Drive to Todd Road) and Todd Road. Any roads that are not completed by the end of day Thursday, June 5th will be finished the following week.

Drivers may encounter delays of up to ten minutes in these areas during the maintenance program. Pilot cars will be used to guide traffic on roads longer than ½ mile in length. As the chip sealing program progresses through the other areas of the county, we will provide updates and schedules week-by-week.

Chip sealing is a common practice used by WSDOT and the nineteen Counties west of the Cascade Mountain range, as well as many on the east side of the state. Although a slight inconvenience, chip sealing is the most efficient and effective method of roadway preservation. Normal asphalt without sealant is very porous and does not withstand damage and fracturing caused by rain, freezing temperatures, heavy traffic, salt, and sun. Chip sealing uses an emulsified oil and chip-rock cover which seals and preserves asphalt and adds several years to the lifespan of the roadway. Loose rock will be swept off after allowing the oil to set up, which can be as soon as the next morning depending on weather and humidity.

Please use caution near construction zones and obey the directions of construction and traffic control personnel and traffic control devices. Driving slower through freshly oiled roads is the best approach for protecting your own vehicle as well as oncoming traffic. Thank you for your patience.

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