

What does Conservation Planning have to do with WSDOT?

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WSDOT Background

- *We keep people and business moving-*
Environmental protection is part of Agency Mission & Strategic Objectives
- Over 110,000 acres of right of way, over 7,000 lineal miles of highway to operate and improve.
- Coordination on conservation efforts helps:
 - make transportation projects decisions that are environmentally sustainable
 - provide ecologically meaningful mitigation

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All projects Active Projects Completed Projects

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Project data from the Transportation Executive Information System

WSDOT PROJECTS

- Click on orange dot to view active project information.
- Click on green dot to view completed project information.
- View projects in a specific county by clicking anywhere within the county.
- Locate a project by clicking on the name in the list.

SR 14 - Lieser Road Interchange Ramp Signalization - Complete August
SR 14 - Marble Road Vicinity to Belle Center Road, Cape Horn Bridge
SR 14 - SE 192nd Avenue Interchange - Complete October 2002
SR 142 - SR 14 to US 97 Roadside Safety
SR 155 - Omak Eastward - Chip Seal

Partnering on mitigation

- We emphasize impact minimization and avoidance, but some impacts are unavoidable and require mitigation.
- We seek quality mitigation opportunities and collaborators for restoration efforts.
- Promote advance mitigation projects that achieve complimentary resource management goals of other agencies and organizations

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What do effective partnerships look like to us?

- Clear communication on opportunities and needs
- Commitment to work together so that project needs and conservation objectives are met
- Recognition of the added benefits of collaboration in conservation by regulators
- Flexibility in process when needed and a willingness to find creative approaches to get there.

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LANDSCAPES PROJECT:
STATEWIDE ANALYSIS



WASHINGTON WILDLIFE HABITAT CONNECTIVITY
WORKING GROUP

DECEMBER 2010

Final statewide habitat
connectivity analysis from
the Washington Habitat
Connectivity Working Group



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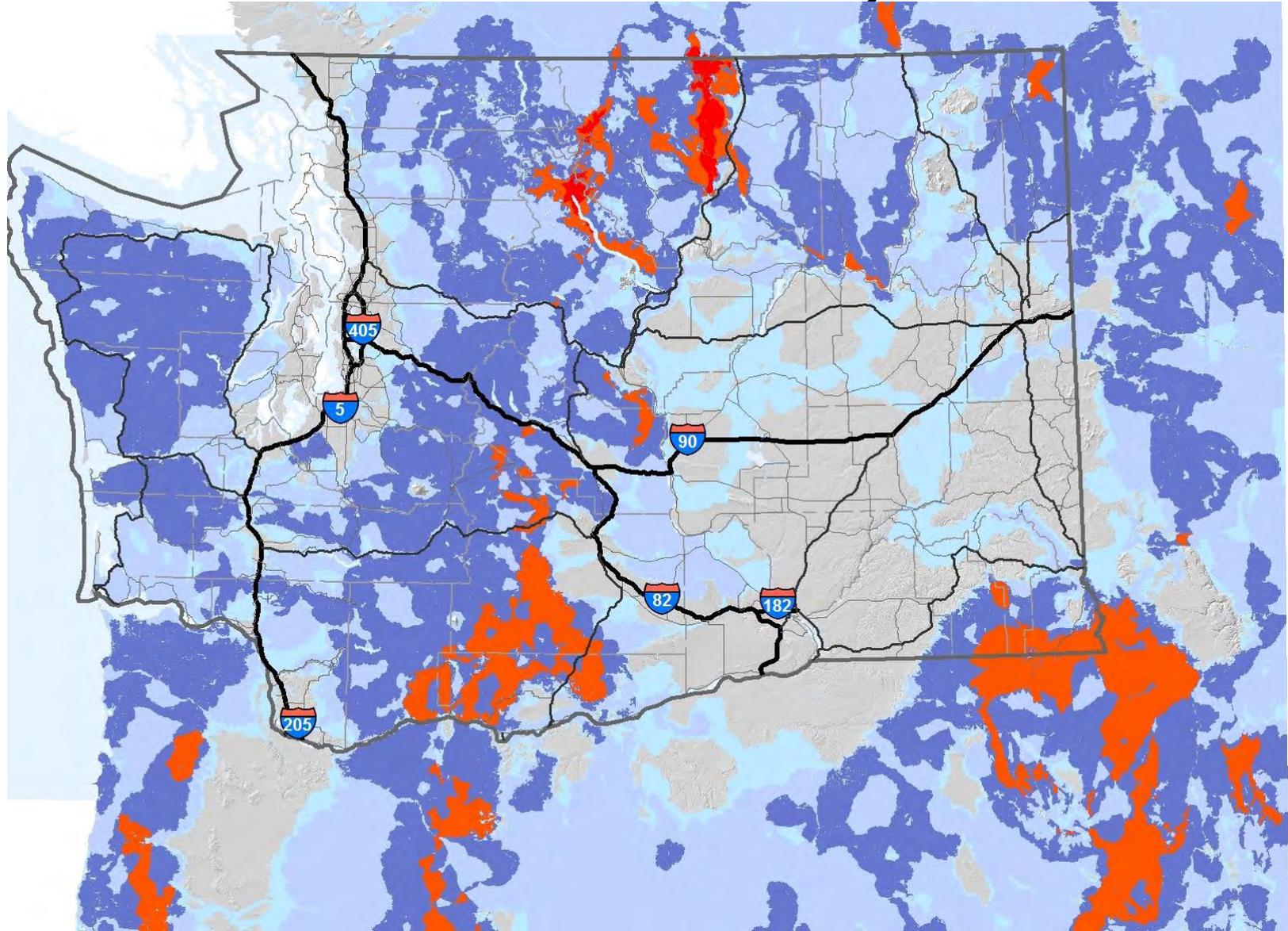


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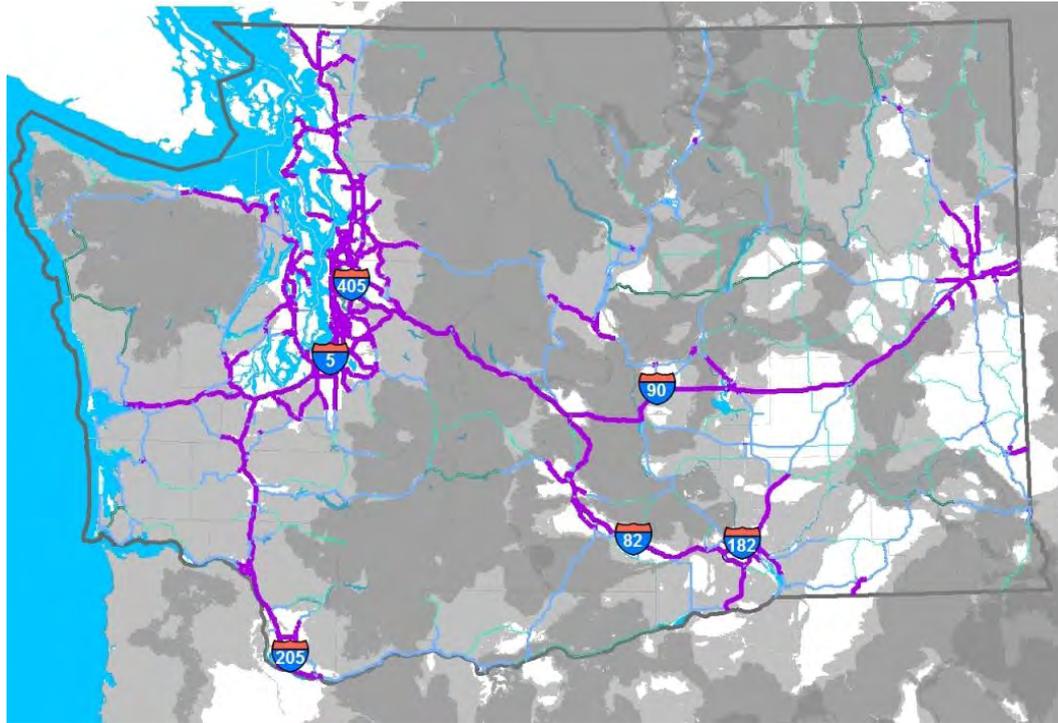
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