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Abstract: The Forest Service (FS) and the Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD), in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), propose to reestablish road access previously provided by Forest Service Road (FSR) 2610 to FS and NPS recreational facilities. Initially the proposed action was to rebuild FSR 2610 through the washout area with a low-water crossing, which was formerly Alternative E. However Alternative E was dropped from further consideration and now the proposed action is Alternative B. FSR 2610 would be rerouted along the hillslope above and to the north of the washout to restore access for passenger cars, recreational vehicles, and vehicles pulling trailers. Approximately 0.84 mile of single lane road with turnouts would be constructed using standard construction methods. The NPS and WFLHD propose to repair damage to the park's Dosewallips Road in the vicinity of the Dosewallips River Falls. This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) considers four alternatives in detail, including the No Action alternative.

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Abbreviations

AHZ	Avulsion Hazard Zone
AMA	Adaptive Management Area
ATM	Access and Travel Management
BEMA	Bald Eagle Management Area
CBA	Choosing By Advantage
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHU	Critical Habitat Unit
CMZ	Channel Migration Zone
CWA	Clean Water Act
DBH	Diameter Breast Height
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
EA	Environmental Assessment
EDT	Ecosystem Diagnosis Treatment
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat
EHZ	Erosion Hazard Zone
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EO	Executive Order
ERFO	Emergency Relief for Federally Owned roads
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ESU	Evolutionary Significant Unit
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FSR	Forest System Road
HMZ	Historic Migration Zone
IDT	Interdisciplinary Team
IRA	Inventoried Roadless Area
LSR	Late Successional Reserve
LWD	Large Woody Debris
MIS	Management Indicator Species
MOU	Memorandum Of Understanding
MP	Mile Post
MRDG	Minimum Requirement Decision Guide
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFMA	National Forest Management Act
NFSL	National Forest System Land
NHPA	National Register of Historic Places
NLAA	Not Likely to Adversely Affect
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOI	Notice Of Intent
NPS	National Park Service
ONF	Olympic National Forest
ONP	Olympic National Park
PDO	Pacific Decadal Oscillation

RM	River Mile
ROD	Record Of Decision
RMO	Road Management Objective
SOPA	Schedule Of Proposed Action
T&E	Threatened or Endangered
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USDI	United States Department of Interior
VQO	Visual Quality Objective
WFLHD	Western Federal Lands Highway Division
WSL	Water Surface Level

