

## = Washington State Route 906 =

State Route 906 ( SR 906 ) is a 2 @. @ 65 @- @ mile @- @ long ( 4 @. @ 26 km ) state highway in the U.S. state of Washington , serving Snoqualmie Pass and its associated ski areas in King and Kittitas counties . The highway travels southeast between two interchanges with Interstate 90 ( I @- @ 90 ) in Snoqualmie Pass and Hyak . SR 906 was formed out of segments of the former Sunset Highway that were bypassed by the construction of the controlled @- @ access Interstate Highway over the pass . Between 360 and 2 @, @ 100 vehicles use the road on an average day in 2012 .

## = = Route description = =

SR 906 begins at a half @- @ diamond interchange with I @- @ 90 , exit 52 , in Snoqualmie Pass , King County . North of I @- @ 90 , Summit Road provides access to the Alpentel ski area . Only the first 3 ? 10 mile ( 480 m ) of the highway is in King County , with the remainder of the highway in Kittitas County . After crossing the county line , SR 906 is bounded by Summit West on the west side of the highway and the Snoqualmie Pass Traveler 's Rest rest area on the east side . Access to the Pacific Crest Trail is provided from the one of Summit West 's parking lots . Just south of the rest area is an intersection with Yellowstone Road , which links back to I @- @ 90 at a full diamond interchange . Yellowstone Road was once a part of the Yellowstone Trail , a cross @- @ country auto @- @ trail .

Summit Central borders the west side of the highway with parking lots for the ski area on the east side of the highway , as the two @- @ lane 35 @- @ mile @- @ per @- @ hour ( 56 km / h ) speed limited road enters the unincorporated community of Hyak and continues southeastward . The highway comes to a four @- @ way intersection , and SR 906 turns to the north to meet I @- @ 90 at exit 54 . SR 906 Spur , a 0 @. @ 43 @- @ mile @- @ long ( 690 m ) spur route continues east through the intersection to serve the Washington State Department of Transportation ( WSDOT ) maintenance facility . Summit East is served by the roadway that continues south from the four @- @ way intersection . A hybrid half @- @ diamond interchange / partial cloverleaf serves as the eastern terminus of SR 906 as it reconnects to I @- @ 90 . The roadway continues north past the interchange as Lake Mardee Road , named after the nearby lake of the same name .

Every year , WSDOT conducts a series of surveys on its highways in the state to measure traffic volume . This is expressed in terms of average annual daily traffic ( AADT ) , which is a measure of traffic volume for any average day of the year . In 2012 , WSDOT calculated that , on average , 360 vehicles used the highway near its eastern terminus , and as many as 2 @, @ 100 vehicles used the highway just west of Yellowstone Road . Truck traffic was not reported between 2009 @- @ 2012 , and traffic counts have remained steady over the same period .

## = = History = =

Automobile roads over Snoqualmie Pass date back to 1905 , when the first car traveled over the pass . A one @- @ lane road was completed by 1909 to promote the Alaska ? Yukon ? Pacific Exposition in Seattle , complete with a race over the pass . The Sunset Highway was built as a two @- @ lane road in 1915 , and rebuilt along the abandoned right @- @ of @- @ way of the Chicago , Milwaukee , St. Paul and Pacific Railroad in 1926 . The Sunset Highway was a part of the Yellowstone Trail , a transcontinental auto @- @ trail . In 1926 the United States Numbered Highway System was established , and the highway over Snoqualmie Pass was designated U.S. Route 10 ( US 10 ) . The bridge that carries SR 906 over Hyak Creek was built in 1928 . The road was first able to be kept open all winter by 1931 , and in 1934 it was numbered Primary State Highway 2 in addition to US 10 . The highway was paved between 1931 and 1939 .

SR 906 came to be the name of the highway during the construction of Interstate 90 over the pass . Parts of US 10 were not up to the new Interstate Highway System standards , so a new limited @- @ access highway was built , bypassing older alignments of roadway . The roadway now known as SR 906 was a bypassed section of the old Sunset Highway that was not up to Interstate Highway

standards on May 11 , 1967 .

= = Major intersections = =

= = Spur route = =

State Route 906 Spur ( SR 906 Spur ) is a 0 @. @ 43 @- @ mile @- @ long ( 690 m ) spur route located entirely within the unincorporated community of Hyak , Kittitas County . It branches from its parent just before SR 906 's eastern terminus at I @- @ 90 . The highway travels southeast , between I @- @ 90 and the Iron Horse Trail , and ends at a WSDOT maintenance facility located at the north end of Keechelus Lake . The old Chicago , Milwaukee , St. Paul & Pacific Railroad @- @ Hyak Depot is accessible from SR 906 Spur , which now acts as a trail head for the Iron Horse rail trail . WSDOT conducts a series of surveys to measure traffic volume in terms of AADT and calculated that 300 vehicles @- @ per @- @ day used the spur route in 2012 . This number has remained steady between 2009 and 2012 .

= = = Major intersections = = =

The entire highway is in Hyak , Kittitas County .