Project Description: Acquire 60 acres in priority parcels identified in the draft WADNR Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor Plan along the I-90 corridor, in a partnership effort between King County and WADNR, and also to acquire nearby inholding at Tollgate Farm.

The WADNR Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor Plan plans for recreational opportunities along the I-90 corridor, identifying priority areas at several exits where acquisitions could improve access for users, in many cases through partnership between WADNR and King County.

- Rattlesnake Mountain (~$175K of this request): Overall scope contains nine forested parcels (133.5 acres) at Exit 31 at the end of a public road, would allow a new entrance point for local access for North Bend residents and visitors off of I-90. TPL has secured an option on four of these nine parcels – these are the targets under the grant. $225K was awarded in PL funds in 2015; this request seeks ~$200K to complete the acquisition. WADNR has committed to support maintenance and development of these parcels, as we co-own Rattlesnake Mountain Park with WADNR.

- Exit 20 (~$125K of this request): Acquire one of the last two inholders at Exit 20 to support recreational trailhead development. Contributes to access to King County’s Grand Ridge/High Point Trails and to WADNR’s Tiger Mountain. Landowner willingness still being determined.

- Tollgate Farm (~$30K of this request): Inholder at Tollgate Farm contacted the county willing to sell their parcel that lacks legal access.

Habitat Benefit: Rattlesnake protects forested lands contiguous with the thousands of acres of forest already protected in Rattlesnake Mountain Park, Raging River Forest. Underpass at I-90 directly connects Tollgate Farm to these parcels, suggesting these parcels could be important to wildlife movement across I-90 corridor (one of only a handful of crossing points in nearby ~10 miles).

Recreation Benefit: New access point/trailhead at Exit 31, hiking-focused use. Exit 20 regional multi-agency trailhead.

Plan Priority: Acquisition of lands is a recommendation in the WADNR Draft Concept Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor Plan.

Parcels included in scope: Priority: Rattlesnake: 052308-9043 (9.5 ac); 082308-9023 (13 ac), -9007 (20 ac), -9003 (10 ac). Exit 20: 328130-0340 (.6 ac), 328130-0350 (1.2 ac). Tollgate: (6 ac).

Other parcels included in scope: See map.