

Safety Review



Energizing Life in Our Communities

Privately Owned Bridges

Planned: **New Construction, Maintenance or
Emergency Work**

Ref: Snohomish County Code 30.53A.512
503.2.6 Bridges [Link](#)
Island County Code 12.08.010 [Link](#)
WSDOT Bridge Design Manual [Link](#)
WAC 480-100-168 [Link](#)
WAC 480-100-308 [Link](#)

PUD:

- ESR Manual: Section 1 Definitions – “Access, Safe,” and “Accessible, Readily” [Link](#)
- T&D Guidelines 4-20-1.0 Field Condition Checklist



A private bridge at Woods Creek in Monroe that failed in September 2019

Overview

- Snohomish County PUD values the health, safety and well-being of our employees and communities above all else. Our employees are empowered to exercise stop-work authority to determine the safest way to perform their work.
- This includes ensuring a bridge is adequately rated to allow PUD vehicles to cross a privately owned bridge to perform scheduled work, emergency repairs or regular maintenance on PUD equipment.
- The bridge used to access your property must comply with state and local codes and you should provide documentation to this effect.
- Please contact PUD Customer Engineering at 425-783-8272 option 3 (M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to provide documentation regarding bridge access to your property or discuss your bridge.

Discussion

- Current codes require bridges to be built to WSDOT weight and width specifications as outlined in the WSDOT Bridge Design Manual.
- Per WAC 480-100-168 and 480-100-308 utility workers must have safe access to premises to perform work on the utility’s equipment.
- Per PUD’s standard requirements there must be safe and ready access to PUD’s equipment for workers to perform maintenance, repairs, testing, installation or removal of equipment.

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