Alford Road/Wilson Creek Road Intersection Improvements

Location:
This project is located about three miles north of Ellensburg at mile post 4.87 on Wilson Creek Road. This intersection connects Alford Road to Wilson Creek Road.

Project Description:
The intersection at Wilson Creek Road and Alford Road is termed a “skewed intersection” as the roads do not meet at or near 90 degree angles. Skewed intersections have sight distance problems resulting in a higher accident rate. This project will realign the intersection to make it safer and reduce the number of collisions occurring here.

Funding:
This project is fully funded by the Rural Road Safety Program, a federal safety grant program.

Schedule:
This project is included in the Run-Off Road Safety Improvements program. Bids were opened on September 6, 2013 with the low bid submitted by Belsaas & Smith of Ellensburg. Work on the project is complete.

Road History
In the 1880’s and 1890’s a portion of Wilson Creek Road was called Kiester Forest Road, and also Eureka Cabin Road. The name “Kiester” came from one of the earliest settlers in the
Kittitas Valley, William H. Kiester, who settled 11 miles north of Ellensburg in 1869. Documents date back to a road establishment date of 1884. An area called “Kiester Forest” still exists north of Ellensburg. Prior to settling in the Kittitas Valley William Kiester participated in many of the major battles of the American Civil War, on the side of the Union, and spent time imprisoned in the notorious Andersonville and Libby prisons.
Paving Alford Road - North Lane

Updated 3/17/2014
Paving Wilson Creek Rd Road - West Lane
New pavement on Alford Road
Old Right-of-Way on the right- Obliterated, with new “T” Intersection Beyond