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### **Multi-agency Safety and Risk Assessment**

[Monroe, WA] – This morning 16 members from Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue, Monroe Police Department, City of Monroe, and Snohomish County Human Services did a safety and risk assessment in the wooded WSDOT property between Chain Lake Rd and 191st Ave SE in Monroe.

During the joint effort risk assessment, crews looked at fire dangers, fire mitigation, and public safety concerns. We identified several areas of improvement that include increasing responder access to the property and enhanced supportive outreach to the unhoused. Although there is a fire danger, the current fire threat is low due to the very lush vegetation in the understory of the wooded area. Only a few established encampments were observed, and Monroe PD has been in contact with those that occupy those locations.

Monroe Police routinely patrol the trails and issue trespass citations when appropriate to prevent encampments from taking root.

City staff are in coordination with the Washington State Department of Transportation to address any cleanup in the areas containing garbage and waste.

These cooperative efforts that keep the community safe and clean are ongoing, and all agencies will continue to work together to address concerns.

Images from this assessment can be found at <https://bit.ly/3pWCv13>



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