# Winter Pass Closure & OSOW Staging Playbook: I-90 Snoqualmie and Eastbound Test Hardware

**Pillar:** Closure Playbook | **Basis:** Operational Playbook | **Primary Source:** WSDOT Mountain Passes / CVO | **As Of:** 2026-11-16

A practical staging playbook for hardware moving between Puget Sound and Moses Lake when WSDOT traction/chain laws automatically ban oversize loads on I-90 Snoqualmie Pass.

## Operational Continuity & Corridor Facts

• Because WSDOT automatically voids OSOW travel during chain/traction restrictions on Snoqualmie Pass, every winter oversize move needs a pre-vetted staging yard.

• Do not release an oversize load from Kent if the 24-hour WSDOT pass forecast shows incoming snow levels below 3,000 feet.

• For ITAR/flight hardware, staging yards must provide gated, badged, or manned-security parking—never unguarded highway pullouts.

## I-90 Winter OSOW Go / No-Go Protocol

| Condition | Decision | Action |
|---|---|---|
| Dry / Wet, No Restrictions | GO | Release at 9:00 AM to clear SR 18 curfew |
| Traction Tires / Chains Forecast | HOLD AT ORIGIN | Keep hardware inside Kent/Auburn bay |
| Unexpected Mid-Transit Chain Law | STAGE SECURE | Park at pre-vetted North Bend/Cle Elum yard |

## Corridor Exposure, Triggers & Facility Actions

- Add a 48–72 hour weather buffer to November–March Moses Lake test schedules.
- Keep Oregon OSOW contingency contacts on file only if a multi-day I-90 closure justifies re-permitting via I-5/I-84.
- Verify heated battery/nitrogen-purge support if sensitive payloads sit overnight in freezing temperatures.

## Cross-Cluster Links & Primary Sources

- **WA Space Cluster Hub (#1382):** https://bcesg.org/washington-space-cluster-census/
- **Moses Lake WA Space Cluster Profile:** https://bcesg.org/moses-lake-wa-space-cluster-profile/
- **Kent WA Space Cluster Profile:** https://bcesg.org/kent-wa-space-cluster-profile/
- **Program Manager Desk Brief:** https://bcesg.org/wa-space-role-program-manager-desk-brief/
- **Launch Segment Continuity Exposure:** https://bcesg.org/wa-space-launch-continuity-corridor-exposure/
- **WSDOT Real-Time Mountain Passes:** https://wsdot.com/travel/real-time/mountainpasses
- **WSDOT Commercial Vehicles & OSOW:** https://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/commercial-vehicles
- **Port of Moses Lake (Grant County MWH):** https://www.portofmoseslake.com/

*Provenance Note:* Grounded in WSDOT OSOW pass rules and ITAR physical-custody requirements.