Date of Incident: January 15, 2020

Potential Liable Party: Ace Hardware

Product Spilled: Diesel Low Sulphur (ULSD)

Spill Source: Commercial Truck

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 120 gallons

Water Body Affected: Snoqualmie River

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: King

Nearest City: North Bend

Location of Spill: Westbound I-90, milepost 36

Cause: Deliberate Violation, Judgment, Snow, Structural Failure

Ecology Responder: Wondwosen T. Paulos

Incident Summary: On Wednesday, January 15, 2020, an Ace Hardware Corporation semi-truck was heading westbound on Interstate 90 from Yakima, Washington, to a retail store on the west side of the Cascade Mountains. There was wet snow and ice on the roadway. At about 09:02, the truck jack-knifed and slid off the right shoulder of the highway impacting an embankment on the left (driver’s side) of the cab. The impact of the cab with the trailer carriage ruptured the right-side saddle fuel tank. A total of about 120 gallons spilled to the nearby ditch, stormwater system, and, though not observed due to the high rate of runoff, the south fork of the Snoqualmie River.