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### **New Aviation Division highway signs**

WSDOT has installed new traffic signs eastbound and westbound on SR 531 to help direct motorists to the new Aviation Division office. Thanks to Northwest Region's sign engineer Dave Deede and the maintenance sign shop's Clint Terwilliger for the fast service.

### **WSDOT registers more aircraft in 2010**

With about two months of the 2010 registration year behind us, WSDOT has registered about 4,716 aircraft to date.

As of January 22, 2010, only 1,235 previously registered aircraft remained unregistered for 2010. At the end of this month, WSDOT will mail a reminder letter informing these aircraft owners that they have 30 days to register before receiving a late penalty. WSDOT has also been actively sending out email reminders and alerts in an attempt to avoid sending penalty letters to any of our customers.

### **2010 Senate Bill 6737 would exempt certain aircraft from property, excise tax**

Senator Marr of Spokane introduced a bill Jan. 25 that exempts an aircraft from property tax if it is owned by a nonprofit and used for emergency medical transportation. This would benefit Airlift Northwest, a local helicopter operator that provides emergency medical transportation. Property taxes are paid in lieu of excise taxes for commercial operations. The revenue for aircraft property taxes is deposited in the General Fund and would not affect the Aeronautics Account.

## **WSDOT Aviation Emergency Services revamps Web site**

WSDOT's Aviation Emergency Services Program is updating its Web page to better inform volunteers about important training requirements. WSDOT's Air Search and Rescue (SAR) program is comprised of trained volunteers from Civil Air Patrol and Washington Air Search and Rescue. WSDOT volunteers must attend specified training courses and meet requirements to participate in the program. Web page updates will detail these requirements, provide additional information on how to get involved and offer user-friendly volunteer application forms.