



## **EMERGENCY NEWS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

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## **State Flood Update**

**CAMP MURRAY** -- With flooding occurring on both sides of the Cascades, the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Camp Murray remains at full activation Monday in support of the flood fighting efforts of local jurisdictions. Numerous state and local road closures are in effect in many counties. The State EOC has provided over 50,000 sandbags for flood fight operations in western Washington.

Gov. Chris Gregoire proclaimed Monday afternoon a state of emergency in Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, Kitsap, Grays Harbor, Thurston, Okanogan, Pierce, King, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Lewis, Pacific, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Clark and Chelan counties due to extensive flooding and the potential damage from landslides and wind causing extensive damage to homes, businesses, public utilities, public facilities and infrastructure. The proclamation directs state agencies and departments to use state resources and to do everything possible to assist the affected political subdivisions to respond to and recover from the event.

### **County Reports**

**Skagit County** declared a state of emergency as of 12 noon today. The Skagit River at Concrete is expected to crest at 46 feet, 18 feet over flood stage.

The Skagit County Emergency Operations Center recommends schools in the Skagit Valley to be closed Tuesday, Nov. 7. This includes all schools except those located on Fidalgo Island.

Highway 20 is closed east of Marblemount, at milepost 106. Alternate route is the Rockport Cascade Road.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners signed a resolution declaring an emergency effective 12:00 Noon, Nov. 5.

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office suggests residents to evacuate in Cockreham Island, East Rockport, Shangri La, Cape Horn, Cedar Crest and the lower areas in Concrete.

The American Red Cross (ARC) has opened six shelters, one at the Hamilton Baptist Church.

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Skagit County is evacuating the cities of Concrete, Hamilton, Cape Horn, Sedro Woolley, Rockport, Crawford, Burlington and Marblemount. The ARC has established a shelter in Hamilton.

The Washington State Department of Health reports United General Hospital in Sedro-Woolley is evacuating 13 in-patients to various other area hospitals.

**Pierce County** has declared a state of emergency. The county's priorities include gaining situational awareness of flooding conditions throughout the county, responding to citizens' calls for assistance, and monitoring wind damage and debris. State EMD has provided 20,000 sandbags to Pierce County. The American Red Cross has opened a shelter in Sumner.

**Snohomish County** reports evacuations are taking place in neighborhoods of Robe Valley, Granite Falls, and Indian Ridge. Darrington and Clear Creek has bank erosion, and large debris is coming down the Snohomish River.

**King County** has increased the flood alert status of the Snoqualmie and Tolt Rivers into Phase IV, which means that significant flooding could occur along both rivers. A Phase IV flood alert on the Snoqualmie River means some residential areas may experience dangerous high velocities and flooding of homes. On the Tolt River, significant flooding is possible near Carnation, including the potential for levees to overtop. King County flood patrol crews have been in the area and monitoring conditions since daybreak. High water levels have forced the closure of several roads and intersections in the Kent Valley.

### **State Highway closures**

SR 20 - Water over the roadway, All Lanes Blocked on SR 20 in both directions at Bridge - CORKINDALE CREEK starting 2:49 PM, 11/06/06 until further notice  
From milepost 102 to milepost 103

SR 530 - Water over the roadway, All Lanes Blocked on SR 530 in both directions at 234th Street starting 3:38 PM, 11/06/06 until further notice  
From milepost 22 to milepost 23

SR 530 - Water over the roadway, All Lanes Blocked on SR 530 in both directions at MARTIN RD starting 3:39 PM, 11/06/06 until further notice  
From milepost 67 to milepost 68

SR 9 - Water over the roadway, All Lanes Blocked on SR 9 in both directions at CHURCH RD starting 2:33 PM, 11/06/06 until further notice  
From milepost 72 to milepost 73

SR 542 - Water over the roadway, All Lanes Blocked on SR 542 in both directions at MP 26.00 between SILVER LAKE RD and Bridge - MAPLE CREEK starting 2:32 PM, 11/06/06 until further notice  
From milepost 26 to milepost 27

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SR 534 - Single line traffic alternating directions on SR 534 at State Route 9 starting 5:11 AM, 10/26/06 until further notice  
From milepost 5 to milepost 6

SR 112 - Closed to traffic on SR 112 in both directions from PILLAR PT RD to Bridge - GREEN CREEK starting 7:47 AM, 11/06/06 until further notice due to Water over the roadway  
From milepost 23 to milepost 30

SR 110 - Closed to traffic on SR 110 at BALLARD RD since 9:16 AM, 11/06/06 until further notice due to flooding  
From milepost 7 to milepost 8

US 101 - Reduced to one lane on US 101 in both directions at MP 58.00 between BARNHART ST and FOWLER ST since 2:20 PM, 11/06/06 until further notice due to flooding  
From milepost 58 to milepost 59

US 101 - Debris on roadway, closed to traffic, mudslide on US 101 in both directions at SUNNYSIDE RD since 11:56 AM, 11/06/06 until further notice  
From milepost 338 to milepost 339

SR 16 - Surface water hazard on SR 16 in both directions at Burnham Drive since 10:04 AM, 11/06/06 until further notice due to flooding  
From milepost 12 to milepost 13

SR 16 W - Surface water hazard on SR 16 westbound at Wollochet Drive starting 9:34 AM, 11/06/06 until further notice  
From milepost 9 to milepost 10

SR 167 - Water over the roadway on SR 167 in both directions at Crossing - S 180TH ST starting 10:51 AM, 11/06/06 until further notice  
From milepost 25 to milepost 26

SR 164 - Water over the roadway, All Lanes Blocked on SR 164 in both directions at State Route 18 since 2:25 PM, 11/06/06 until further notice  
From milepost 0 to milepost 1

SR 4 - Closed to traffic on SR 4 in both directions from MP 13.00 after RAISTAKKA RD to MP 14.00 before KANDOLL RD starting 3:15 PM, 11/06/06 until further notice due to flooding  
From milepost 13 to milepost 15

SR 131 - Closed to traffic on SR 131 at Start of State Route 131 starting 2:44 PM, 11/06/06 until further notice due to flooding  
From milepost 0 to milepost 1

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SR 123 - Closed on SR 123 in both directions from US 12 to State Route 410 starting 2:47 PM, 11/06/06 until further notice due to flooding  
From milepost 0 to milepost 17

SR 410 -Water over the roadway, All Lanes Blocked on SR 410 in both directions at CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN BLVD starting 3:44 PM, 11/06/06 until further notice.  
From milepost 57 to milepost 58

SR 410 -State Route 410 is temporarily closed from milepost 74.5 to milepost due to rock and mudslides caused by heavy rain activity. Due to the nature of the closure, an estimated time of opening has not yet been determined..

I-90 - Interstate 90 Snoqualmie Pass - Areas of Deep Standing Water, from milepost 34 to milepost 70. Speed has been reduced to 45 MPH because several locations in the Snoqualmie Pass vicinity are experiencing areas of running water and ponding on the roadway. Motorists should use extreme caution and reduce their speed to prevent accidents. Motorists should also watch for fallen rocks.

### **Individual preparedness actions recommended by the Washington State Emergency Management Division:**

Residents in flood prone or flood watch areas should consider the following preparedness actions:

- Listen to radio or television stations for local information and weather reports.
- Be aware of streams, drainage channels and areas known to flood suddenly.
- Do not walk or drive through floodwaters.
- Secure your home. If time permits, also secure items located outside the house.
- If instructed, turn off utilities at the main switches or valves.
- Fill your car with fuel.
- Fill the bathtub with water in case the water supply becomes contaminated or services are cut off. Sterilize the bathtub first.
- When deep flooding is likely, permit the floodwaters to flow freely into your basement to avoid structural damage to the foundation and the house.

The State EOC is monitoring flood levels and weather conditions and standing by to provide further assistance to local jurisdictions as requested. Representatives from the Washington National Guard, Washington State Patrol, Washington state departments of Military, Health, Agriculture, Transportation, Fish and Wildlife, Natural Resources, Ecology, the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) have reported to the State Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

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