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State Flood Update

CAMP MURRAY -- The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Camp Murray remains activated in support of local flood fighting efforts around the state. Gov. Chris Gregoire proclaimed a state of emergency earlier today due to flooding and potential landslides and high winds in Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, Kitsap, Grays Harbor, Thurston, Okanogan, Pierce, King, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Lewis, Pacific, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Clark and Chelan counties. The following is new information since the last *Update* was sent out at 5:30 p.m.

County Reports—new information

Pierce County has asked residents living in low lying areas along the Puyallup River to evacuate. The warning affects residents of Orting, Sumner, Puyallup and unincorporated areas of the county. The river is projected to overflow levees along Levee Road and River Road at 10:30 this evening. The American Red Cross has a shelter at the Old Deiringer School, 2008 East Valley Highway, Sumner; and is working to open a shelter in Puyallup. A locally-staffed shelter is open at Bethany Baptist Church, 713 South Hill Park, Puyallup.

Skamania County opened its emergency operations center this evening for possible evacuations.

State Highway Closures—new information

Pierce County

- SR 162 is closed in both directions between the towns of South Prairie and Orting due to standing water over the roadway.
- SR 509 (Marine View Drive) near the Port of Tacoma is closed in both directions at Milwaukee Way due to standing water over the roadway.

Mason County

- SR 106 closed in both directions between the U . S . 101 interchange and McReavy Road (west of the community of Union) due to debris from a mudslide in the roadway.

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