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## State Flood Update

**CAMP MURRAY** -- The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Camp Murray continues to monitor flood levels and weather conditions, standing by to support the flood fighting efforts of local jurisdictions. Working in the EOC are representatives from a number of state and federal agencies, including the Washington National Guard; Washington State Patrol; state departments of Military, Health, Agriculture, Transportation, Fish and Wildlife, Natural Resources and Ecology; the American Red Cross; Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and U.S. Coast Guard.

### State activities

Gov. Chris Gregoire on Nov. 6 proclaimed a state of emergency to facilitate state assistance to the following counties: Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, Whatcom, and Wahkiakum counties. Most counties listed above and many cities have made their own proclamations of emergency.

- The Secretary of State's Elections Division reports some polling places and some mail ballot drop boxes have been adversely impacted by flooding. Local election officials have been responding. Voters with questions should contact their county elections office for the latest information. Internet links to all local elections offices statewide can be found at <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/auditors.aspx>.
- The Washington National Guard is supporting Skagit County with trucks, wreckers, helicopters and 97 soldiers.
- The Washington State Department of Transportation reports the following closures/impacts to major state highways:
  - SR 410 is closed from Mud Mountain to Cayuse and Chinook Passes due to water over the roadway.
  - US 2 is closed in Skykomish due to a mud slide.
  - SR 203 from Fall City to Carnation and in Monroe is closed due to water over the road.
  - I-90 Snoqualmie Pass one westbound lane has debris from rock and mudslides; no delays reported.
  - US 12 near Randle is closed due to water and debris over the roadway.
  - SR 508 is closed in Lewis County.
  - US 101 is closed north of Shelton and in Raymond due to water and debris over

- roadways.
- SR 410 at traffic Avenue in Sumner remains closed due to water in the roadway, detours available.
- SR 20 is closed from Newhalem to nine miles west of Mazama due to water and debris over the roadway.
- Amtrak Cascades trains between Portland and Vancouver, B.C. report delays and cancellations. Call 1-800-USA-RAIL or visit [www.AmtrakCascades.com](http://www.AmtrakCascades.com) for the latest information.

For more state highway and other travel information, go to [www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/Weather/updates](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/Weather/updates)

## **Weather**

Good news, according to the National Weather Service: The main rain band will exit the state Tuesday evening, moving southeast into Oregon. Showers will continue tonight and taper Wednesday. Thursday will be relatively dry. Another system will bring more rain and wind to the area Friday. Cool, unsettled weather is expected over the weekend and early next week.

## **New Information from Counties**

**Skagit County** officials are taking actions in response to the expected 34.9 feet crest of the Skagit River in Mount Vernon late this afternoon. Flood stage at each of these sites is 28 feet. It is expected that today's low tide may provide for a faster runoff of water from the river.

- The American Red Cross has three shelters opened at the Baptist Church in Hamilton, Limestone Catholic Church in Concrete, and Sedro-Woolley High School.

**Snohomish County** reports 150 people in three shelters, with about 200 rescues made throughout the county; the Coast Guard and Navy have been assisting with rescues. Aircraft from Harvey Field in Snohomish have been moved due to high water.

**King County** reported election officials are closely monitoring the flood situation, and will alert voters if regular polling locations will be closed on Tuesday. Voters who cannot access their regular polling place can go to any King County polling location and ask for a provisional ballot. Schools are closed today in Snoqualmie Valley and Riverview districts. A number of county roads are closed in the Snoqualmie Valley area. Shelters are open in Kent, North Bend and Snoqualmie. Some flooding is expected in Auburn, Kent and Renton due to rising water in the Green and Cedar Rivers, expected to crest Tuesday afternoon. Parts of Snoqualmie, Fall City, Carnation, Duvall, Kent and North bend have been evacuated. The county will begin collecting damage information tomorrow; affected homeowners and business owners can make a damage report by calling 800-523-5044 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Clark County** reports water is escaping around the sides of the dike near 254<sup>th</sup> and Manley Road. Personnel are on site assessing this situation as well as a second threatened levy near Daybreak Park. Homeowners and business owners can report storm and flood damage by calling 360-737-1911 x1911.

**Chelan County** reports the Wenatchee and Icicle Rivers continue to rise, with several mudslides

and flooding impacting some homes.

**Wahkiakum County** reports most streams over flood stage, a majority of county roads closed by high water and mudslides, and many homes cut off by flood waters.

**Skamania County** has opened its emergency operations center to monitor flood flight efforts and its county commission has proclaimed a state of emergency.

### **Reporting Damages**

Impacted cities and counties are beginning to request individuals and businesses that have suffered storm and flood related damages to report them to their local emergency management offices. Each jurisdiction will make an announcement when they are ready to begin collecting the information.

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