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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 and to support the flood fighting efforts of local jurisdictions. 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. Twenty-one cities and counties have proclaimed states of emergency as of mid-morning.

### Recent updates on local activities

**Lewis County.** State and federal agencies are rescuing hunters and hikers stranded by flooding in Lewis County. Since the floods began, 17 people have been rescued by air operations. An estimated additional 25-50 others are potentially stranded. The Washington State Department of Transportation's Aviation Division is coordinating efforts with the U.S. Coast Guard, Washington Army National Guard and the Civil Air Patrol. Helicopters will resume search operations at 8 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 9, to comb the Packwood area, weather permitting.

**King County** is focusing on debris management and recovery efforts. Two shelters remain open in Kent and Issaquah. River flows are now decreasing on King County rivers, but flood warnings remain in effect for Issaquah Creek and White, Cedar, Green, Tolt and Snoqualmie rivers. More than 40 roads in King County are closed due to standing water on the roadway. Several have reopened, including Highways 202 and 203. The Woodinville-Duvall road opened at noon today. Current road closure information can be found at <http://www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/roads/roadalert/>

**Snohomish County** this evening reports that some residents stranded in remote areas are running low on supplies. Also, up to 45 residents in the River Site neighborhood on Mt. Loop Road are unable to get out because a section of the road is impassable. American Red Cross shelters in Everett, Granite Falls and Monroe are housing an estimated 150 people. The animal shelter at the Evergreen State Fair Grounds is asking owners to pick up their animals by Monday, Nov. 13. Major flooding continues along the Snohomish River, with levels in Monroe projected to drop below flood stage by Thursday afternoon, and in Snohomish by Thursday evening.

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