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State Flood Update

CAMP MURRAY -- The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Camp Murray continued to monitor flood levels and weather conditions in support of flood fighting efforts as the state and local jurisdictions began to shift their focus to recovery planning.

State

The state of emergency proclaimed by Gov. Chris Gregoire on Nov. 6 now covers 24 counties, following the addition of six counties on Nov. 9. The counties are Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Whatcom, Wahkiakum and Yakima.

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT): It's wet in the lowlands and snowing in the mountains. If you have travel plans, check out WSDOT's statewide traveler information web site. Traffic and weather information is also available by dialing 5-1-1 from most phones.

Local

American Red Cross reported that the six shelters located in Lewis, Pierce, Skagit and Snohomish counties housed 42 people overnight.

Wahkiakum County: The county has asked residents to conserve water because the county water system has a leak.

King County: The county prepared its departments to assist in debris management and recovery efforts. The King County Emergency Coordination Center remained at Phase 2. The King County Office of Emergency Management (KCOEM) is collecting preliminary damage assessments to primary residences and businesses beginning today. KCOEM will collect damage information countywide. The City of Snoqualmie set up three debris sites and additional dumpsters for debris collection. The citizen hotline phone number for King County is 800-523-5044. These phone lines are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A Phase 4 flood warning was active on the Cedar River, which posed a continuing threat of lowland flooding. The Cedar River was likely to remain elevated for some period of time with a continued

potential for flooding in low lying areas. The Green River and the White River were at a Phase 3 flood alert level. The city of Pacific experienced minor to moderate flooding as a result of controlled releases from the Mud Mountain Dam on the White River. Upper Preston has experienced significant impacts to their transportation infrastructure due to landslides and water damage. King County road closure information can be found at <http://www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/roads/roadalert/>.

Lewis County. The county emergency coordination center prepared to convert from rescue operations to recovery and clean-up of roadways that have been cleared. Public Works teams have worked at cleaning major roadways. Secondary road assessment also was scheduled to begin today.

Snohomish County: The county emergency operations center remains at Phase 2 operations with a call center open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the weekend. The Evergreen State Fairgrounds reports it is housing 145 horses, 28 sheep, and 45 exotic birds. Pumping operations are continuing at French Slough, Marshland, and Diking District No. 13.

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