EMERGENCY NEWS
FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

State Emergency Operations Center, Camp Murray, Washington
Emergency Management Division, Washington Military Department

---

For immediate release
News Release No. 3
November 13, 2008

Contact: Rob Harper
Phone: 800-688-8955 *(media only)*
Web address: www.wadisasternews.com

Flood Damage Assessment Begins

CAMP MURRAY - Local agencies have begun gathering information to determine the damages from this week's onslaught of storms and floods.

Homeowners, renters and businesses who have experienced damages as a result of this recent storm series are encouraged to call their local emergency operations center to report their damages. *It is imperative that damages be reported immediately to local emergency offices in order for the state to determine whether a Federal Assistance should be sought.*

When reporting damages, callers should be prepared to supply the following information:

- Name and address of affected property
- Type of insurance (flood)
- A description of damage, even if uninsured
- A **personal** estimate of uninsured losses (it is not necessary for property owners to have a contractor's estimate – a rough estimate is acceptable.)
- Tax assessor's valuation of the structure (*not* including the property value)

Public facility managers are also encouraged to call their local emergency management officials to report damages sustained to public buildings, (off-system) roadways, or any other public facility.

If citizens have questions concerning any damages or whether a specific type of damage is covered, please contact your local emergency management office. Once the deadline passes, recovery will not be available.

#####