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Flooding Storm Update #12

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CAMP MURRAY, WASH.—Weather has stabilized into a more seasonable pattern for this week. In the mountains, the avalanche danger today will be moderate at lower elevations and considerable at mid and upper elevations. The state's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and several county and city EOCs remained open 24/7 over the weekend, monitoring flooding issues. Twenty-one counties and 14 cities declared emergencies during January 2009 related to flooding.

Flooding

Rainfall for this week is not expected to impact conditions on the state's rivers, and all rivers are predicted to be below flood stage by this afternoon. For more information, check with the National Weather Service at <http://www.weather.gov/ahps/>.

The Washington State Department of Health's (DOH's) boil water advisory was lifted Sunday for the South Bend Water System in Pacific County, except for 35 customers. Citizens should check the DOH website for the most update information at: http://www.doh.wa.gov/Publicat/2009_news/09-004.htm.

Shelters

The most current report from the American Red Cross indicated seven shelters open overnight Sunday served 62 people—most of them in Lewis and Snohomish counties. Citizens should check with their local emergency management office or 2-1-1 to determine open shelter locations.

Road closures

Road conditions change frequently. Travelers should confirm road conditions prior to leaving on their trip. The Washington State Department of Transportation reported Blewett Pass remained closed. For additional road information, call 5-1-1 or visit <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/trafficalerts/>.

How to help

Citizens can give cash to a community organization of your choice, or give the gift of volunteering your time and effort. There is information about how to help on the state Emergency Management Division's Web site at <http://www.emd.wa.gov>.

Recovery

State, local and federal damage assessment teams will meet today to prepare for flooding damage surveys Tuesday, beginning in Lewis and Pierce counties.

Report damages

Local jurisdictions are urging Washington flood victims to report damages. Whether you are a renter, home, farm or business owner – insured or uninsured – report your damages. For local emergency management contact information, visit the Emergency Management Division's Web site at: <http://www.emd.wa.gov> or dial 2-1-1.

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