

## **Media Advisory – Nov. 5, 2008**

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### **County prepares for potential flooding through Friday**

Snohomish County is currently under a Flood Watch, meaning weather conditions are favorable for flooding but flooding is not imminent or currently occurring.

Periods of heavy rainfall are expected to develop throughout the area Thursday and persist through Friday night. Rainfall amounts of 5 to 7 inches are possible in the north Cascades, which could impact parts of Snohomish County.

The Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management projects that the Stillaguamish and the Skykomish/Snohomish rivers should stay below flood stage.

However, low-lying areas, small streams and creeks, as well as storm-drainage systems, could see localized flooding due to debris clogs and heavy rainfall.

The county's Public Works Department and municipal agencies have been checking storm drains, clearing clogs and sweeping streets to minimize potential flooding. Residents are urged to take similar precautions on their properties and in their neighborhoods.

The Emergency Management Department expects to operate at a minimal level, continually analyzing weather forecasts and river data throughout the Flood Watch.

Should flooding occur, citizens are urged to stay away from rising waters and not to drive through areas of flowing or standing water or around road closure barriers.

Road flooding should be reported to the municipality where it occurs. Flooding on county roads can be reported to the Public Works Department at 425-388-7500 or [contact.pwrm@snoco.org](mailto:contact.pwrm@snoco.org).

Road closure lists and flood updates can be found at [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org). Additional flooding issues can be reported to Emergency Management at 425-388-5060.

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