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## **Media Advisory – December 4, 2007**

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### **Snohomish County flooding update**

*Snohomish River prediction downgraded to “moderate,” other rivers begin to recede*

Everett WA, December 4, 2007 – River levels continued to rise in the major river systems in Snohomish County overnight under the watchful eye of Snohomish County Emergency Management. The Snohomish River system prediction has been downgraded by the National Weather Service from “major” flooding to “moderate.”

The Snohomish River first reached flood stage at 10:00 p.m. Monday evening. The river currently sits at 27 feet as of 4:00 a.m. at the Snohomish gauge, and the latest prediction from the National Weather Service is that the Snohomish River will reach 27.54 feet by 11:00 a.m. today and fall below flood stage on Thursday by 4:00 a.m. This is considered a “moderate stage” flood for the Snohomish River.

Snohomish County Emergency Management also monitored flooding overnight along the Stillaguamish and Skykomish Rivers. All flood warnings have been cancelled on the Stillaguamish River and both rivers are beginning to recede.

On Monday, Snohomish County Emergency Management activated its call center and is coordinating with local cities, the Army Corps of Engineers, diking districts, the Red Cross and local law enforcement to respond to flooding. Thousands of sand bags and many tons of sand have been delivered to parts of Bothell, Alderwood, Snohomish, Index and Granite Falls.

Reports of damage overnight were minimal, but are expected to increase as rivers recede and residents begin to assess damage. Several roadways around the County remain under standing water, and residents are encouraged to check road closures at [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) before starting their morning commute.

County officials continue to urge residents not to drive where water is over the road or past barricades. If you come to a flooded area, turn around immediately and go another way. The primary cause of deaths from floods is driving in flooded roadways. For information about road conditions and closures, or to report a roadway concern, residents may call Snohomish County Road Maintenance at (425) 388-7500.

Snohomish County joined the State of Washington and several other local jurisdictions in declaring a state of emergency on Monday in response to extremely heavy rainfall and local flooding.

Early Monday morning, Snohomish County actively responded to urban flooding which hit southern Snohomish County particularly hard. Snohomish County activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Paine Field early Monday morning.

For complete real time flood warning information and information about road closures residents are encouraged to go to [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and click on the “Flood and Road Closure Emergency Information” link.

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