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Snohomish County Residents Asked to Heed Flood Watches!

Everett WA, November 5, 2006 – Snohomish County residents are asked to heed local weather service warnings regarding flooding on most of the Snohomish County rivers.

The National Weather Service is indicating that heavy rain fall amounts, coupled with what has already fallen the past several days could drive up local rivers to flood stages or above starting Monday. With 6-9 inches of rain expected over the next 24 hours, Snohomish County could also potentially see urban and small stream flooding. “The County is not taking any chances, we have taken a pro-active stance on readiness for this event” states John Pennington, DEM Director. “The DEM Emergency Operations Center is open to take calls from residents, and keeping an eye on what is happening with local rivers.”

The Emergency Management Department, in conjunction with Public Works is getting sand and sandbags out to various locations within the County for residents to use should flooding occur.

The sandbag locations are: Darrington Fire Department, Oso Mill, Robe Fire Station, Sultan Old Duty Hall and Snohomish Fire Station on Maple.

If local residents are in need of sand bags they can go to one of these locations where bags and sand are available. Please, bring your own shovel and workers.

The Skykomish River near Gold Bar will rise to flood stage around noon Monday, and crest near 19 feet around 10 pm Monday evening. At 19 feet the Skykomish River can cause major flooding from areas near Index downstream through Sultan. Swift flood waters may inundate Sultan roads and some residential areas around Monroe. Deep flood waters can potentially cover farm lands. Livestock should be moved to higher ground.

The Snohomish River near Monroe will rise to flood stage mid day Monday, cresting near 18 feet Tuesday around 10am. At 16 feet the Snohomish River floods several roads and much of the low pasture land in the river valley. All livestock should be moved to higher ground or critter pads.

The Snohomish River at Snohomish will rise to flood stage around 10pm Monday cresting near 29 feet around 10am Tuesday. At 27 feet the Snohomish River floods several roads, including the Snohomish-Monroe highway and low areas of the lower Snohomish valley that are not protected by levees.

The south fork of the Stilliguamish River is expected to go to flood stage mid day on Monday, and is expected to crest at 15 feet around 10 pm on Monday. The Stilliguamish at Arlington should reach flood stage mid afternoon Monday with a peak of 17.5 feet around 11pm Monday night. At these levels the Stillaguamish River overflows onto many roads in the river valley including Marine Drive, Norman Road, Hat Slough and several roads south of Stanwood. All livestock should be moved to higher ground.

The Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management has activated its Emergency Operations Center with representatives from Red Cross, Public Works, Surface Water, Snohomish County Sheriffs Special Operations Unit and the Army Corps of Engineers. The County has also activated its flood information lines. For the Snohomish, Snoqualmie and Skykomish Rivers the number is 425-388-3653. For the Stillaguamish River the number is 425-388-3702 and Surface Water web site for real time flood information is www.co.snohomish.wa.us/PWapp/SWM/floodwarn/index.html .

Emergency Management is looking for volunteers who may be available to help should sandbagging become necessary. If interested call the department at 425-388-5060

To give information regarding flooding in your area call Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management at 425-388-5060.

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