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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

November 17, 2021

Flood Activity

Washington

- Washington Gov. Jay Inslee declared a State of Emergency Tuesday for 14 counties affected by the floodwaters and strong winds from a pair of atmospheric rivers that have slammed the northwest over four days.
- Over 175,000 people lost power as winds gusted from 50-75 mph, though that number had been whittled down to 30,000 by Tuesday evening.
- Some areas had received over 10 inches of rain over a 48-hour period as of Tuesday morning.
- Hundreds of individuals were rescued from flooded towns, including many by airlift from members of the Coast Guard.
- The hardest-hit areas remain along the Nooksack River in Whatcom County and the Skagit River in Skagit County. Both rivers went into major flood stages and threatened all-time records.
- The flooding in Bellingham left over 500 people displaced.
- A voluntary evacuation order remained in effect Wednesday for areas around downtown Ferndale, where the Nooksack River dropped just below moderate flood stage to 18.7 feet at 5 a.m., according to data from NOAA's Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service.
- Officials in the small city of Sumas, near the Canadian border, said hundreds of people had been evacuated and that three-quarters of homes there had water damage.
- Farther south, the nearby county of Whatcom, Washington, declared a state of emergency due to threats from the heavy rain, and by Monday evening about 500 people were displaced across the county while many more were encouraged to evacuate.
- Damage from the flooding across Whatcom County in the wake of three-day Pineapple Express storm could reach \$7 million to \$10 million, officials said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 16.
- About 5.57 inches of rain fell at Bellingham International Airport from Saturday through Monday, Nov. 15. The normal monthly rain total is 5.2 inches for November, according to National Weather Service data.
- While the Skagit River had crested, river forecasters warned it would take quite some time for rivers to recede.
- Flood Warnings remain in effect for the river until early Friday morning, but drier weather was in store for the Pacific Northwest after a very rainy start to November.



Whatcom County images show damage from the three days of record rainfall Saturday-Monday, Nov. 13-15. WHATCOM COUNTY COURTESY TO THE BELLINGHAM HERALD

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WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4586 TX	Severe Ice Storm	129 Counties	268	5/20/2021
4607 MI	Severe Storms & Flooding	4 Counties	120	11/12/2021
4611 LA	Hurricane	25 Parishes	78	11/29/2021
4614 NJ	Hurricane	12 Counties	71	12/06/2021
4615 NY	Hurricane	9 Counties	71	12/06/2021
4617 NC	Hurricane	3 Counties	68	11/08/2021
4618 PA	Hurricane	8 Counties	66	12/10/2021
4626 MS	Hurricane	8 Counties	22	12/22/2021

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