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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

November 24, 2021

Severe Weather & Flood Activity Washington

- Teams from the Emergency Management Division of the Washington State Military Department began inspecting flood-damaged homes and businesses in Whatcom County on Monday.
- The visits came one week after historic flooding inundated the towns of Sumas and Everson, killing one person.
- More than 80% of the buildings in Sumas were damaged by floodwaters, including 300 homes and 35 businesses.
- Damages from flooding in Whatcom County could reach as high as \$50 million, Whatcom County officials said at an online briefing Tuesday, Nov. 23., at the Whatcom Unified Emergency Operations Center.
- John Gargett, deputy director of the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management, said he wouldn't be surprised if public and private damages and economic losses reach that mark. Included among that \$50 million, Gargett said, were estimates of \$15 to \$20 million in damage to houses in the area, "tens of millions of dollars" in damage to public infrastructure and another \$15 to \$20 million in damage to area business centers.
- Gargett told the council that 500 to 600 homes were affected in the hardest-hit communities.
- Damage assessments were continuing and would be added to losses in 13 other Western Washington counties that Gov. Jay Inslee declared as disaster areas — with the hope of getting federal aid.
- Rain was forecasted Monday and Tuesday, with a bit of a break Wednesday, with only some isolated showers.
- But a rainy, breezy storm arrives Thanksgiving Day and lasts into Friday, meteorologist Maddie Kristell said.
- Other storms are lining up behind the one expected to hit Thursday-Friday, and rain is in the forecast daily through at least Sunday.
- Rainfall this week shouldn't be heavy enough to push the Nooksack River over its banks again, at least for now, according to the National Weather Service in Seattle and the Northwest River Forecast Center.



November 15 flooding forced evacuations at Birch Bay Leisure Park on Birch Bay Drive. PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER RAMIREZ

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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
4607 MI	Severe Storms & Flooding	4 Counties	127	11/12/2021
4611 LA	Hurricane	25 Parishes	85	11/29/2021
4614 NJ	Hurricane	12 Counties	78	12/06/2021
4615 NY	Hurricane	9 Counties	78	12/06/2021
4618 PA	Hurricane	8 Counties	73	12/10/2021
4626 MS	Hurricane	8 Counties	29	12/22/2021

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