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# Whatcom County Sheriff's Office News Release

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Emergency Proclamation Issued Due to Flooding Residents urged to be prepared if conditions worsen**

**BELLINGHAM, WA** – Due to flooding throughout Whatcom County, a Proclamation of Emergency was approved today in order to expedite response by County agencies.

This flood is expected to be similar to the 2020 Super Bowl flood, with many of the same areas impacted. The [National Weather Service is predicting this flooding event](#) to impact Whatcom County for the next several days. Residents in Everson, Nooksack, and Sumas should now be preparing for high water in and around their area. Some roads have been closed due to flooding and dangerous driving conditions. **Driving past a road-closed sign now carries a \$500 fine.** Residents are encouraged to stay home if possible or travel during off-peak times. Additional roads will close as flooding impacts continue downstream.

All residents in low-lying areas, including Everson, Nooksack, Sumas, and Marietta should remain aware of rising waters, be clear about exit routes, and prepare for the possibility of multiple days of high water. Be prepared to evacuate if flood conditions worsen. Sandbags have been pre-deployed at local fire stations in case they are needed.

Based on currently available weather and river forecasts, the following road closures and impacts are occurring or are expected to occur:

### **CLOSED:**

- Slater Road is closed in both directions east of Ferndale Road and west of the railroad tracks.
- Highway 9 is closed in Acme, north, and south.
- Main Street in Everson

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The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office is located at 311 Grand Avenue in Bellingham, Washington.  
Office Hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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**WATER OVER ROAD:**

- Badger Road at Trapline, both lanes, are reported to have water over the road.
- Guide Meridian at Kelly Road and Lynden City Limits have water over the road.
- Pole Road at 4 Mile Creek.

**Road Closure Webpage**

Whatcom County Public Works has created a webpage for road closures related to this storm system. Some roads may be marked as 'water over road' but not closed. This webpage will only list county roads closed due to flooding. [Visit the storm-related road closures webpage.](#)

Weather conditions are not expected to improve significantly over the next 24 hours, and this increases the likelihood of additional flooding, landslides, and road closures. Additionally, high winds are expected to begin overnight Sunday, continuing through Monday.

"Public safety is our number one priority," said Whatcom County Sheriff Bill Elfo. "As always, the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office stands ready to provide any assistance necessary to keep our community safe."

Anyone who believes that they are in danger should call 911. To report non-emergency impacts please leave a message at (360) 788-5311.

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