# Chehalis Flood Warning System Update

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#### Sign up for 2020-21 High Water ALERTs

Flood season is here. The Chehalis River Basin Flood Warning System (www.chehalisriverflood.com) is a tool to help you be aware, be prepared. The Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority calls your attention to the following opportunity:

Sign-Up Now To Receive 2020/21 Email High Water Alerts — The Chehalis River Basin Flood Warning System has the capability to send email alerts to
anyone interested in receiving notification about rising river levels from key river gages in the Chehalis Basin. To sign-up for email alerts for the 2020/21
flood season please follow the directions here. Comments or questions can be directed to Scott Boettcher, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, 360/480-6600, scottb@sbgh-partners.com.

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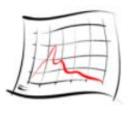




Weather Forecast



Rainfall Forecast



River Forecast



Flood Maps



Plot Gage Data



Gage Data Maps



Landslide



Radar Rainfall



Road Conditions



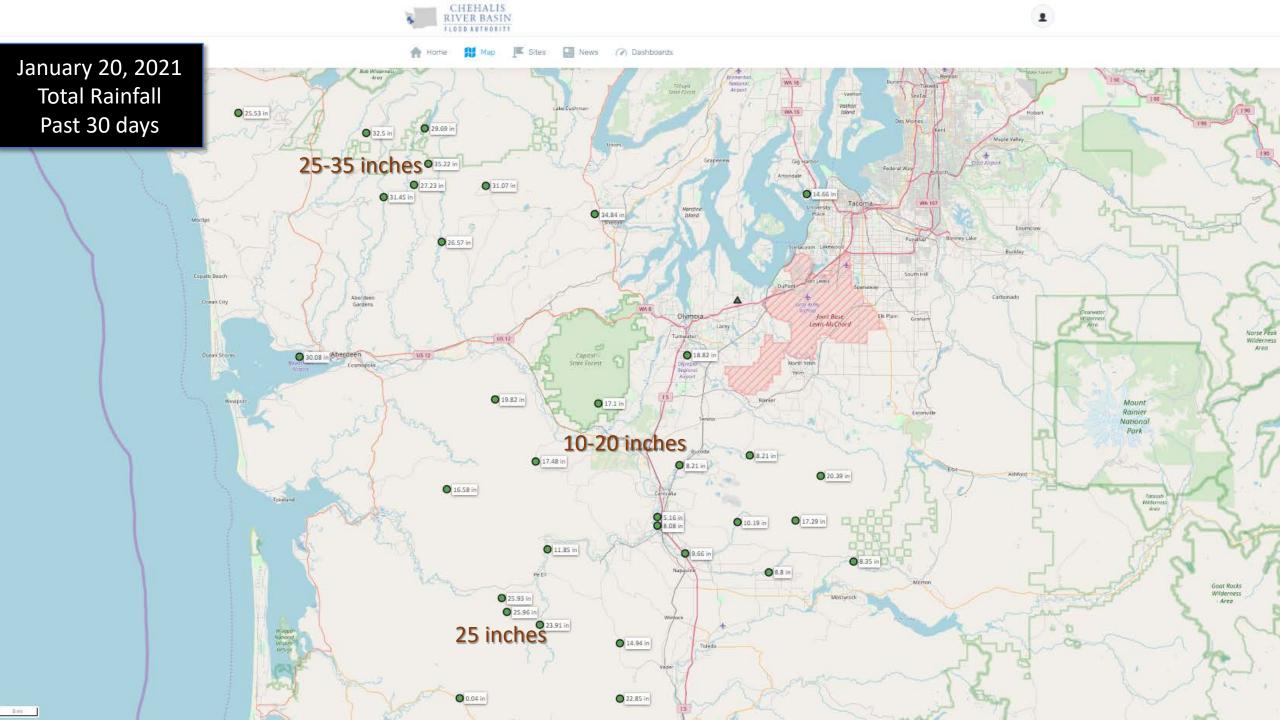
**USGS Gages** 

Atmospheric Rivers



Chehalis Basin Gage Height Conversion Project

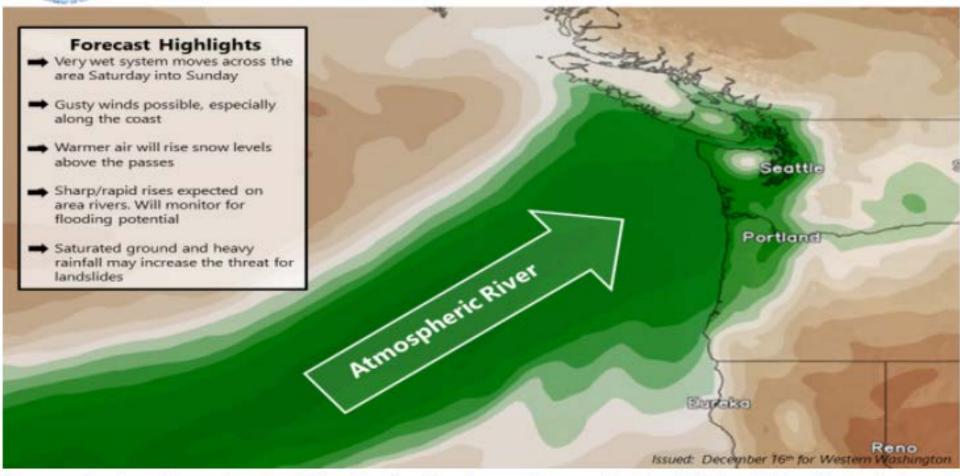
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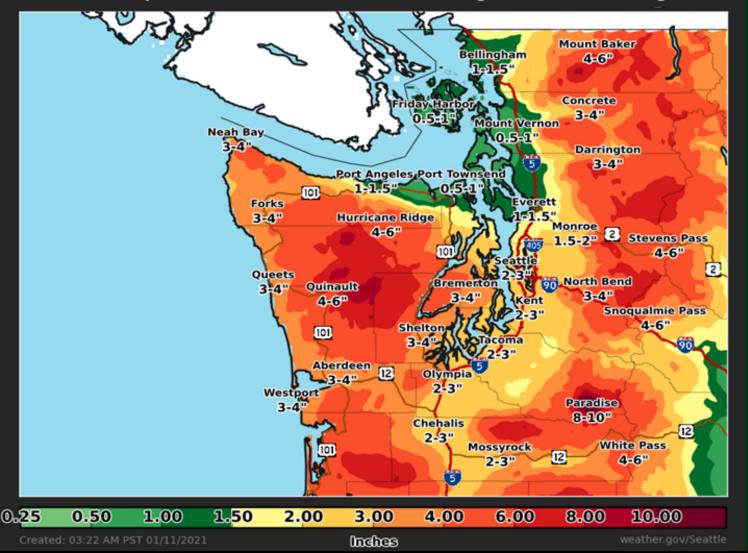
## Wet Weekend on the Way

Saturday December 19 - Sunday December 20, 2020



A very wet system this weekend could lead to river flooding and increase the threat for landslides. Gusty winds are possible, especially for the Coast. Keep an eye on the latest forecasts regarding this weekend, especially if you live near a river.

## Precipitation Forecast: Monday - Wednesday



## Timing

Monday - Wednesday

Heaviest Mon Night - Tues AM & Tues Night - Weds AM

# **Potential Impacts**



Urban and roadway flooding



River and small stream flooding



Elevated landslide threat

## **Safety Tips**



Never drive through flooded roadways.

Turn around, don't drown!



Be aware if you live near streams and creeks!













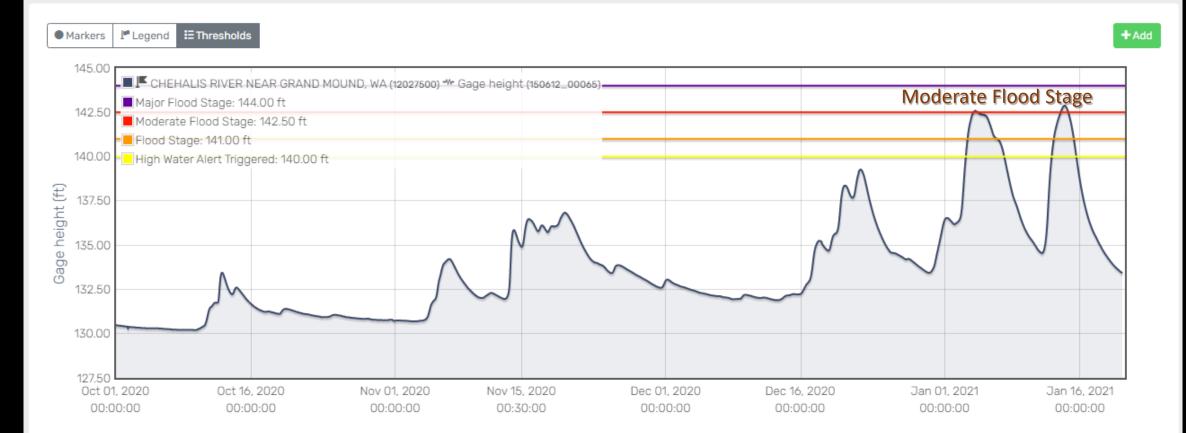
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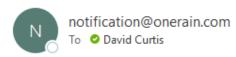
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**M** 01 October, 2020 - 20 January, 2021



# High Water Alerts

#### Newaukum River near Flood Stage



The Newaukum River near Chehalis is nearing flood stage of 202.5 ft.

The Alert stage at Newaukum River near Chehalis is experimentally set at 201.5 ft.

The highest stage at Newaukum River near Chehalis between 2014-2018 was approximately 205.4 ft.

Click on link below for NWS river forecast

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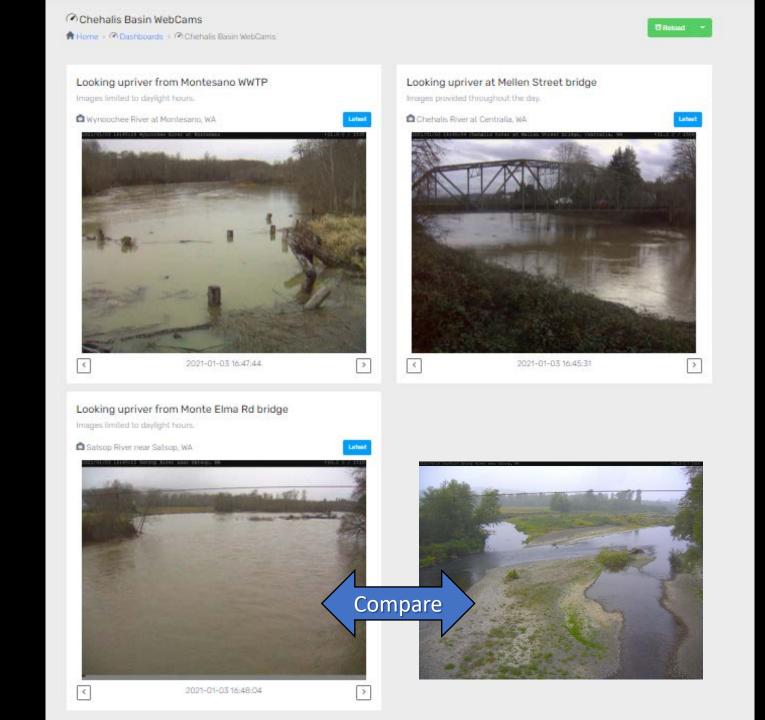
Be aware, be prepared.

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## Season-to-Date

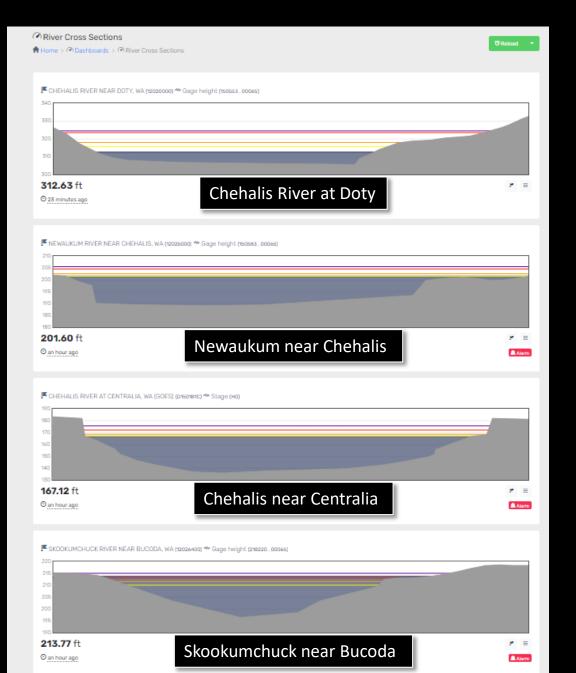
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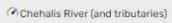


### Rain Gauge Dashboard

#### **River Cross Section Dashboard**







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6.70 ft

Ø a year ago ♣ ☑

WYNCOCHEE RIVER ABOVE BLACK CREEK NR N W Gage height (150645\_00065)



36.34 ft

an hour ago

SATSOP RIVER NEAR SATSOP, WA (12035000)



36.50 ft

41 minutes ago

E CHEHALIS RIVER AT PORTER, WA (19031000)



48.03 ft

⊙an hour ago A

CHEHALIS RIVER NEAR GRAND MOUND, WA (120)



142.06 ft

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SCHOOLINGHICK RIVER AT LEWIFFALIA, WATER



187.56 ft

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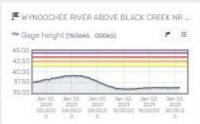
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\* Gage height (150627, 00065)

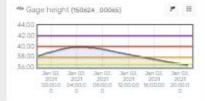


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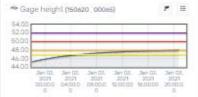
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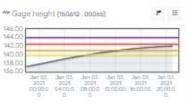
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Wynoochee River at Montesano, WA



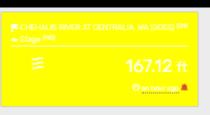
🗅 Satsop River near Satsop, WA

Chehalis River at Centralia, WA

⊙ 3 hours ago



⊕ 9 minutes ago



E NEWAUKUM RIVER NEAR CHEHALIS, WA (12025)

Gage height (150583\_00065)



201.60

🖸 an hour ago 🔔

CHEHALIS RIVER NEAR DOTY, WA (12020000)

Gage height (150553\_00065)



312.63 ft

**⊙** 27 minutes ago

SKOOKUMCHUCK RIVER NEAR BUCODA, WA (120 Gage height (218220\_00065)



213.77 ft

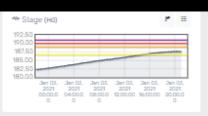
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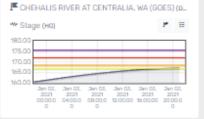
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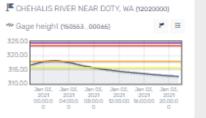
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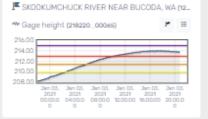
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\*\* Stage (H6)

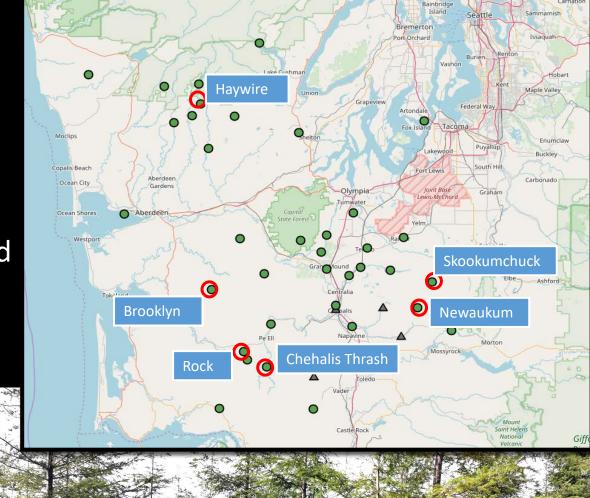
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■ SKOOKUMCHUCK RIVER AT CENTRALIA. WA (G.)





- Gauge Relocations
  - Six gage locations on private timberland
    - Permitting/access issues
  - Tree growth over last decade



# Webcam Relocation

Satsop River at Monte Elma Bridge



Looking upstream

Lower Satsop River at Port of Grays Harbor Well



Looking upstream at ELJs

# Testing Forecasted High Water Alerts

## Flooding Forecasted





Chehalis River at Centralia is forecast to rise above flood stage approximately 6.0 Hours from 01/13/2021 21:17:00 PST.

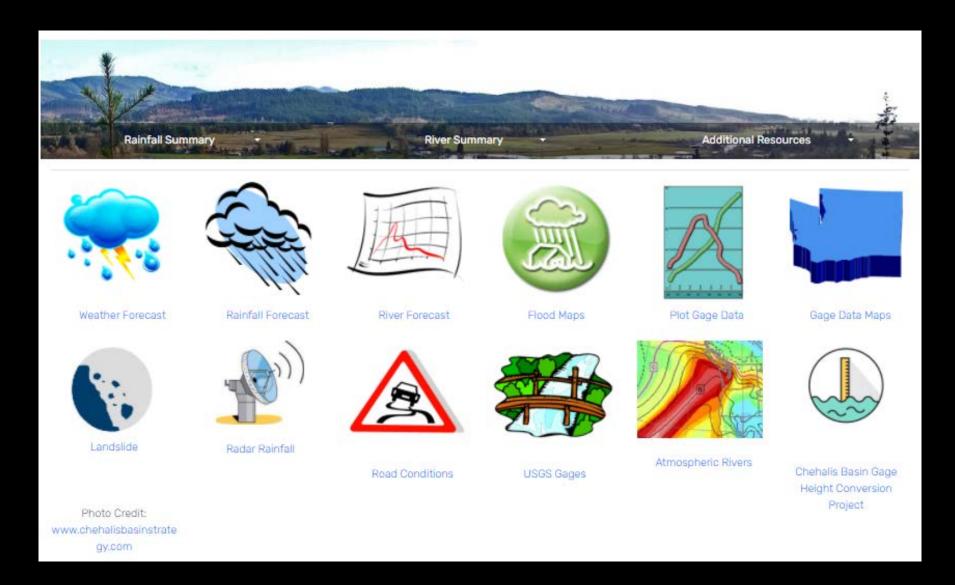
\*Note: There is uncertainty in the river forecast due to the uncertainty in the rainfall forecasts. The time of flooding may happen sooner or be more severe than indicated.

The forecast can be found at the link below

https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=sew&gage=cenw1

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# How Does Chehalis River Basin FWS Compare?



# Questions?