Chehalis River Basin

Reducing Flood Damage <u>and</u> Enhancing Aquatic Species

3:30 p.m., February 12, 2015 Commissioner Bud Blake

Today's Presentation . . .

- Provide update
- Encourage discussion
- Key messages . . .

1. Broad agreement -- For first time in a century there is progress across the Basin on <u>next steps</u> to reduce flood damage and enhance salmon and aquatic species.



2. Basin-wide strategy -- An <u>action-oriented</u>, <u>multi-phased</u> Basin-wide strategy is needed to protect communities along the river and to enhance aquatic species.</u>

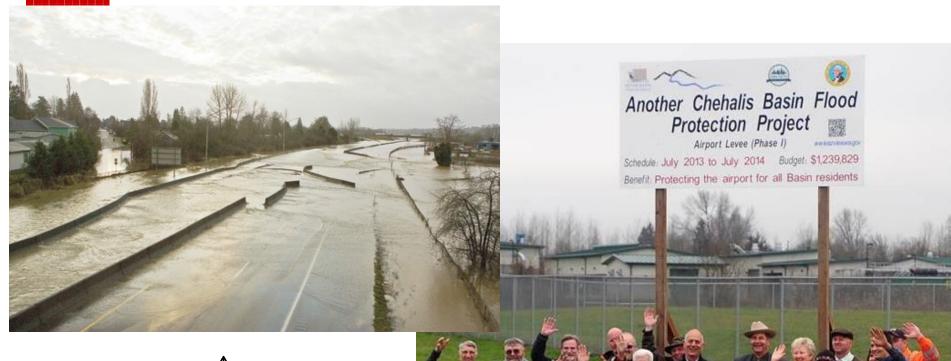
3. Collaboration is key -- WA State Legislature, Governor's Office, Governor's Chehalis Basin Work Group, Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, and WA State Agencies all working together = <u>Action</u>!

4. Fundamental principle -- Solving one's problems doesn't increase another's.



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Action . . .



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"Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority"

- Formed in 2008
- Formal body focused on: (1) flood hazard mitigation throughout the Basin; and (2) decision-making that is . . .
 - □ informed by science.
 - protective of Basin residents/communities.
 - environmentally appropriate.

Basin jurisdictions represented

- Grays Harbor County
 - City of Aberdeen
 - City of Cosmopolis
 - City of Montesano
 - City of Oakville

- Lewis County
 - City of Centralia
 - City of Chehalis
 - City of Napavine
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"Governor's Chehalis Basin Work Group"

- Appointed by Gov. Gregoire (2012); Re-confirmed by Gov. Inslee (2013).
- Developed Next Steps Framework, \$28.2 capital budget request (2013-15).
- Looking Forward → Tasked by Gov. Inslee to <u>oversee implementation of 2013-15</u> <u>budget</u>, <u>recommend next steps by mid-November 2014**</u> for: Water retention; I-5; Other Basin improvements; Aquatic species enhancement.

Members are:

- □ Vickie Raines (Grays Harbor Commissioner, Chair Flood Authority).
- □ Karen Valenzuela (Former Thurston County Commissioner, Vice-Chair Flood Authority).
- David Burnett (Former Chairman Chehalis Tribe).
- □ J. Vander Stoep (Private Attorney, Pe Ell Alternate Flood Authority).
- □ Jay Gordon (President Washington Dairy Federation and Chehalis Farmer).
- □ Rob Duff (Governor's Natural Resources and Environment Advisor).
- □ Keith Phillips (Governor's Climate and Energy Advisor).
- ** Note: Next steps delivered and accepted by Governor on 11/24/2014 (see slide 25).



2007 Storm -- \$938M Basin-wide damage, \$300M lost economic activity (WA).



Exit 77 (I-5) in Chehalis STEVE RINGMAN / SEATTLE TIMES



City of Centralia STEVE RINGMAN / SEATTLE TIMES



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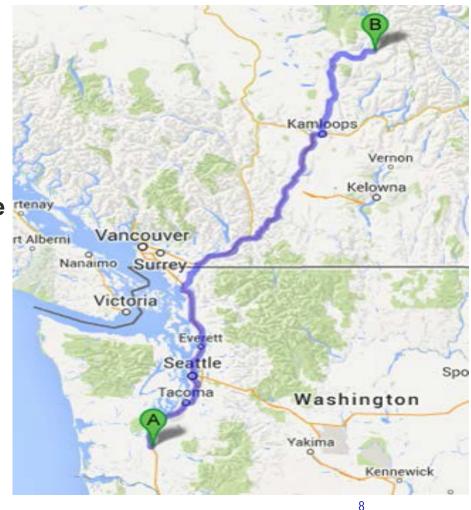
2007 Flood -- I-5 and Hwy 507 Interchange looking South.



City of Centralia and I-5 STEVE RINGMAN / SEATTLE TIMES



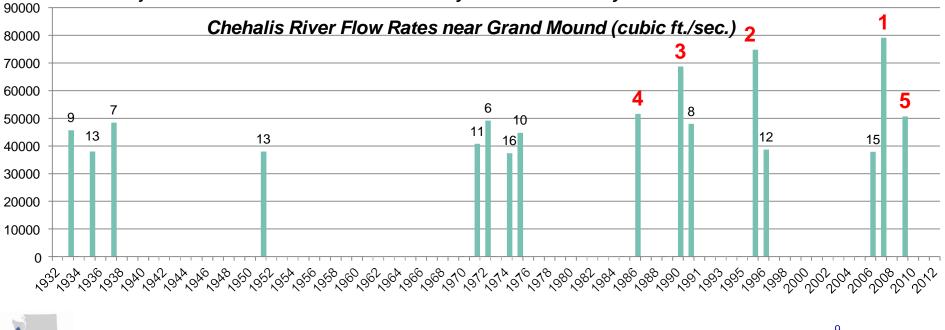
- 289,983 acre feet of measured water (12/03-08/2007).
- Equivalent to covering roadway between Chehalis and North of Kamloops with 1 foot of water 1-mile wide or covering ...
 - 80% of Kitsap County.
 - 69% of Clark County.
 - 59% of Thurston County.





Ranked high flow events (1932 - 2012) ...

- I-5 closed 1990, 1996, 2007, 2009.
- Five largest events since 1986 -- Frequent floods are getting worse and damage is increasing . . .
- 100 year flood estimate -- Increased by 33% in last 30 years.

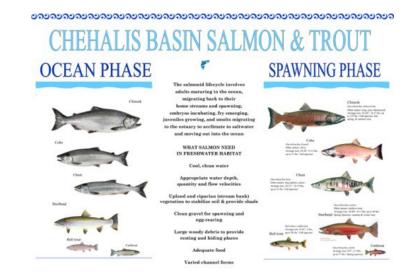




- Chehalis is the second largest river basin in the state, rich in natural resources . . .
- Salmon populations are 15-25% of historic levels.
- **TMDL for the basin** (<u>http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/ChehalisRvrTMDLSummary.html</u>).



Upper Chehalis (5/31/2010) JAMES E. WILCOX / WILD GAME FISH CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL



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Salmon-habitat potential

Species	Current (#fish)	Natural Conditions (#fish)	Habitat Impairment
Spring Chinook Salmon	3,349	15,287	78%
Fall Chinook Salmon	25,459	46,052	45%
Coho Salmon	24,144	78,986	69%
Winter-run Steelhead	4,557	8,102	44%

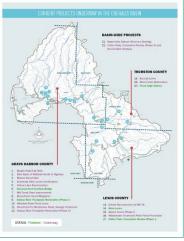


Solution = Basin-Wide Approach

Action-oriented. Multi-phased Approach

- 1. Basin-Wide Relationships
- 2. Hydraulic Understanding
- 3. Large Capitol Projects
- 4. Smaller-Scale Local Projects
- 5. Land Use, Floodplain Management
- 6. Enhance Salmon and Aquatic Species
- 7. Early Flood Warning
- 8. Outreach, Education and Communication







1. Basin-Wide Relationships



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2. Hydraulic Understanding

- Science-based model -- To inform decision-makers on hydraulic effects of potential flood relief options (at basin-wide and localized scales).
- 108 miles -- Mouth of Chehalis River upstream to Pe Ell (108 miles).

Draft Report - Chehalis River Hydraulic Model Development Project

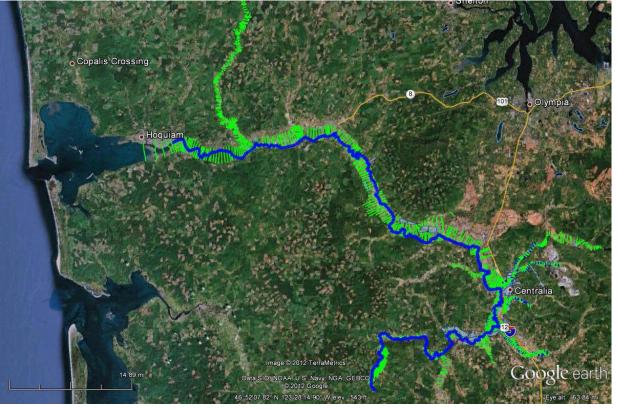




Prepared by: WATERSHED Science & Engineering and WEST Consultants

Prepared for: Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

July 23, 2012



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2. Hydraulic Understanding

Example: Basinwide effects analysis

(Governor's Chehalis Basin Workgroup, 2014 Recommendations Report, 11/25/2014)

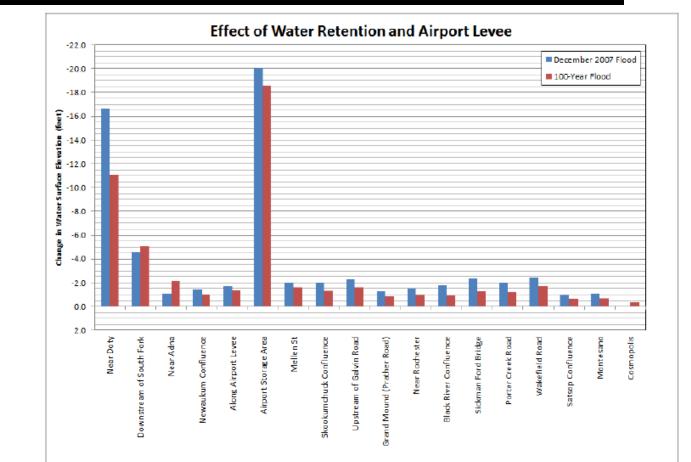


Figure 2: Predicted Changes in Water Surface Elevations from Water Retention and Airport Levee



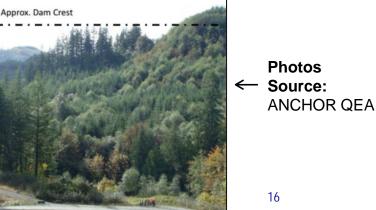
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3. Large Capitol Projects

- Technical team evaluating safety, feasibility of upper basin water retention **structure** -- field visits, site and design considerations, world-wide research, etc.
 - Permanent reservoir with fish passage or Run-of-the-river without permanent reservoir.
 - Roller compact concrete or Earthen fill.
 - Flood-control only or Multi-purpose.
- **WSDOT evaluating alternatives to protect Interstate 5** levees, walls, raise, etc.
- Comprehensive set of recommendations to Governor, Legislature (11/2014).

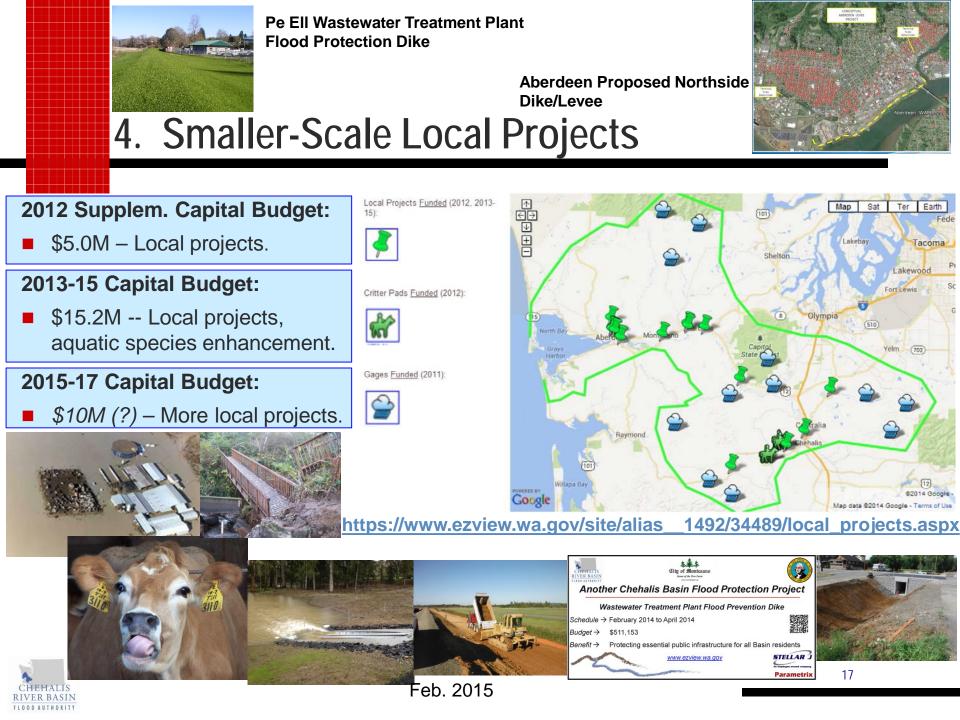
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4. Smaller-Scale Local Projects

- Revetment to Protect Montesano Road, Adjacent Facilities
 - □ Mary's River Lumber = 120 family wage jobs.
 - **\Box** State Highway (SR 107) = At risk of damage.
 - □ Montesano STP = Risk of overtopping.
 - □ Solutions and Alternative = Balance time, cost, results.
 - Project <u>website</u>.











5. Land Use, Floodplain Management

- Analyze local floodplain management programs across the Basin and, <u>where appropriate</u>, make recommendations to:
 - protect existing homes/businesses.
 - ensure new development does not increase flood hazard risk.
 - identify ways to reduce flood insurance rates.
 - address properties that are repetitively flood damaged.

LEWIS COUNTY NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS FOR:

Request for Proposals (RFP) Floodplain Management Analysis

Lewis County is seeking a qualified consulting firm or team to provide professional services to complete a floodplain management analysis report for jurisdictions in the Chehalis Basin.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Lewis County, Fiscal Agent for the Chehalis River Basin flood Authority, is seeking a qualified consulting firm or team to provide professional services to complete a floodplain management analysis report for jurisdictions in the Chehalis Basin; provide technical assistance to explore potential local and regional cooperative efforts that allow jurisdictions to improve local floodplain management, and work with the local governments in the Basin to develop a strategic approach for buyouts, elevating structures, and other techniques to address repetitive loss properties. The work in this proposal is part of the 2013-2015 Chehalis Basin Strategy, a State of Washington effort to reduce flood damage and enhance aquatic species in the Chehalis River Basin. For more information, view the Ruckelshaus Center's Chehalis Basin project site: http://ruckelshauscenter.wsu.edu/ChehalisFlooding.html

Interested consultants shall provide a letter of interest, approach/methodology, budget, personnel resume(s), experience related to this project, and client references.

Contract work to be completed by August 31, 2014.



6. Enhance Salmon (Aquatic Species)

- Collect aquatic species, water quality, hydrologic data.
- Model analyses to understand impacts/benefits on fish, wildlife, water quality, sediment, streamflow and flooding.
- Develop DRAFT and FINAL aquatic species enhancement plan.
- **Comprehensive set of recommendations to Governor, Legislature (11/2014).**





6. Enhance Salmon (Aquatic Species)

Other Fish and Aquatic Species







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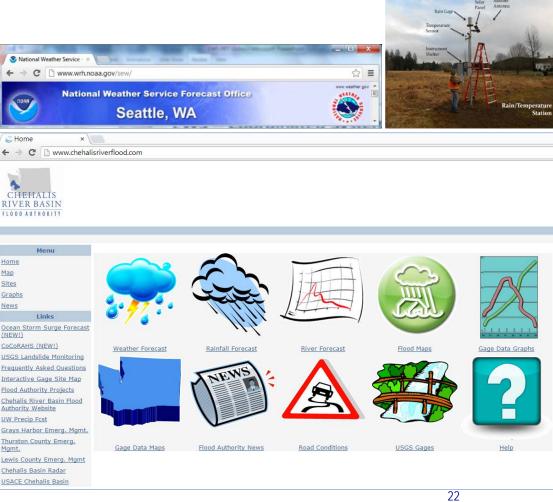




7. Early Flood Warning

- www.chehalisriverflood.com
- Front-facing website.
- Data collection, data synchronization.
- Improved forecasting, early-warning.

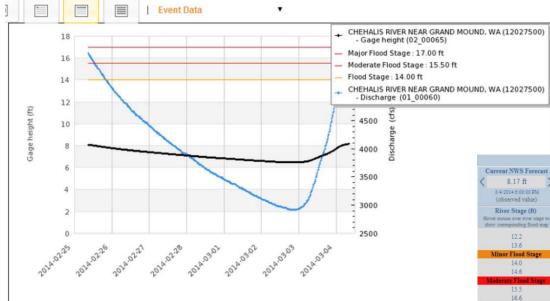




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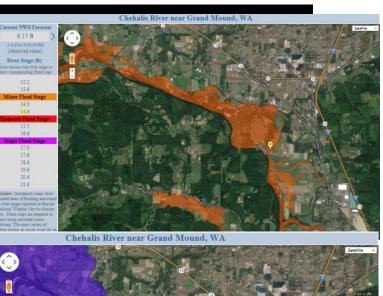
7. Early Flood Warning

Localized tracking, forecasting . . .



Daily discharge, cubic feet per second -- statistics for Mar 4 based on 84 years of record more

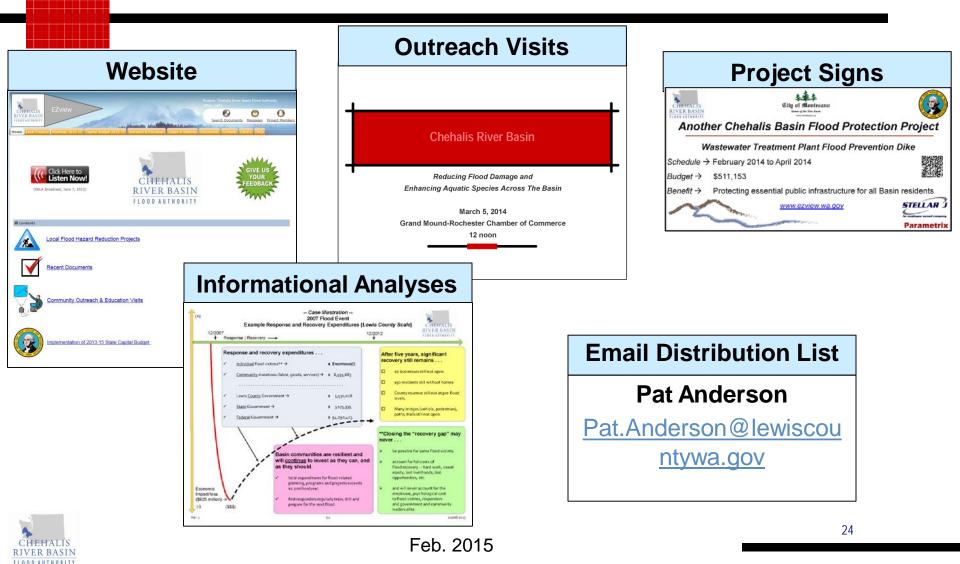
Min (2005)	25th percen- tile			Most Recent Instantaneous Value Mar 4		Max (1987)
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8. Outreach, Education and Communication



Chehalis Basin Next Steps 2015-17

RIVER BASIN

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Cost = \$500–600 million.		P.O. Box 40002 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0002 • (960) 902-4111 • www.governor.wa.gov Image: Chehalis River Basin ★ C Image: https://www.ezview.wa.gov/chehalisfloodauthority Image: Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority
Benefit = \$720 million (over net)		
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Chehalis Basin Next Steps 2015-17

Recommended Package of Actions:

- 1. Concrete flood retention dam on upper Chehalis River.
- 2. Chehalis-Centralia Municipal Airport levee improvements.
- 3. Basin-wide aquatic species restoration, including 100+ miles of spawning, rearing habitat.
- 4. Smaller-scale flood-damage reduction projects, including raising homes, flood-proofing businesses and public structures.

5. Local action to protect natural floodplain functions, ensure future development doesn't create more harm.

Recommended Next Steps (2015-17):

a. Initiate programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate and further vet timing and cost of recommended package of flood-damage reduction and aquatic species restoration actions in preparation for permitting the individual components of the project.

b. Further investment in laying the technical groundwork for successful implementation of water retention and aquatic species restoration efforts.

c. Further investment in near-term, on-the-ground projects such as smaller-scale flood damage reduction, floodplain management, flood-proofing, flood warning and preparedness.



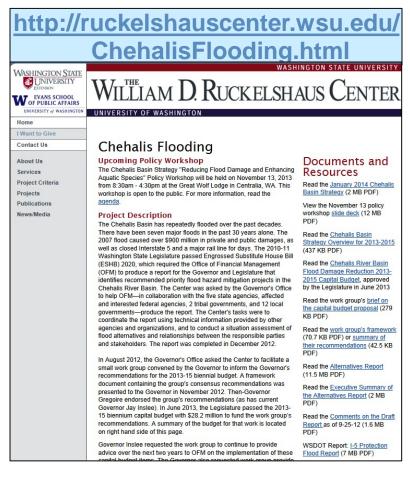
Governor Inslee Proposed Budget -- 2015-17





Resources, Additional Information . . .







Chehalis River near Doty USGS





Clearing Mud in Curtis, WA STEVE RINGMAN / SEATTLE TIMES





Curtis, WA, Aftermath of 7 Feet of Water STEVE RINGMAN / SEATTLE TIMES





Chandler Road Bridge near Doty, WA STEVE RINGMAN / SEATTLE TIMES











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Jackson Street, Centralia, WA STEVE RINGMAN / SEATTLE TIMES





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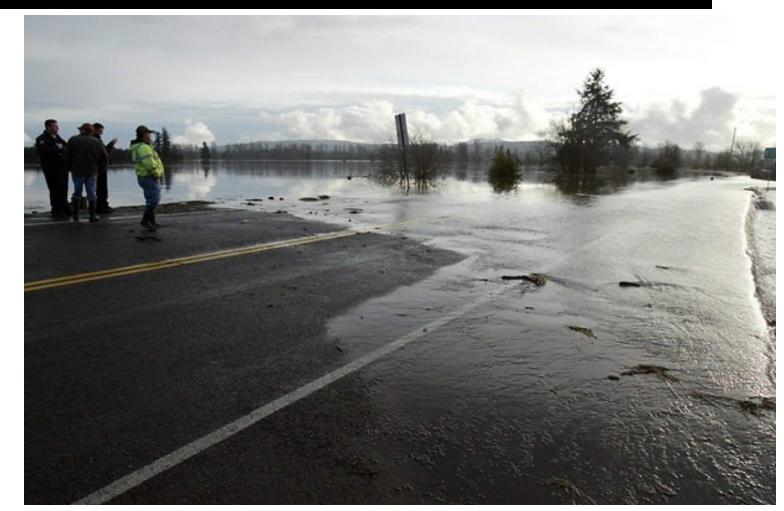








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