

Storm Damage Recovery

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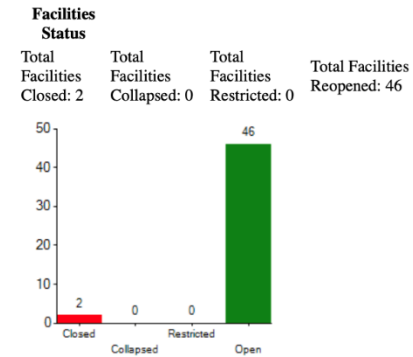
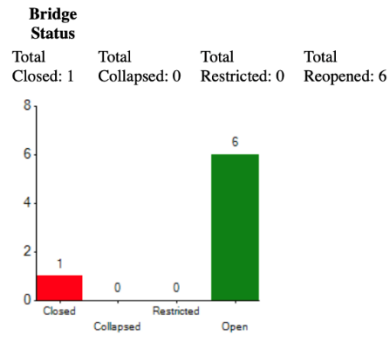
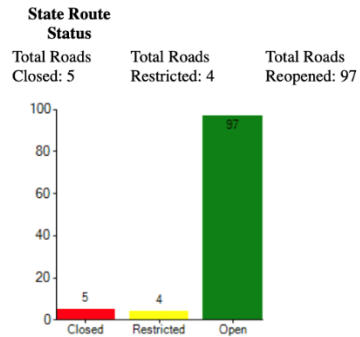
Preparing for an emergency

- WSDOT has a dedicated Emergency Management Program and conducts ongoing training exercises throughout the year.
- We conduct a minimum of 4 statewide exercises every year and participate with the State EOC in exercises and real-world incidents.
- Complete After-Action Reports after every incident or exercise.
- WSDOT is designated as Emergency Support Function – 1 (Transportation).



Emergency response in action – December floods

- WSDOT Headquarter Emergency Operations Center was activated from Dec. 9 -19 for the incident.
- Four of seven Regional Emergency Operations Centers were activated from Dec. 8 –19.
- State EOC activated ESF-1 from Dec. 8 – Jan. 2.



Pathways to access federal funds in an emergency

Federal Emergency Management Agency

WSDOT as part of State application to FEMA

- WSDOT submits for Public Assistance through WA Military Department Emergency Management Division
- Eligible expense include damages off the Right of Way or debris Removal
- Requires Presidential Major Disaster Declaration

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

WSDOT to FHWA directly

- Emergency Repair – *Work necessary to restore essential traffic, minimize extent of damage or protect remaining facilities (100% Fed-aid)*
- Permanent Restoration – *Remaining portion of the work (pro-rata %, administered using normal Fed-aid procedures)*

* Any work considered to be part of the **Permanent Restoration** work needs to occur after FHWA approval.

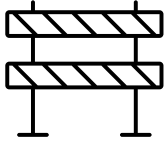
WSDOT Emergency Response Process



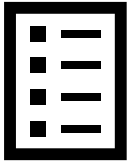
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Response and recovery overview



Over **50** emergency response locations active during the event.
Some remain active today.



16 emergency contracts executed
4 emergency contracts completed



Preliminary damage and repair estimate is between \$40-50mil,
federal/state funding split is currently unknown.

Note: numbers are current as of January 12th.

US 2, MP 53-54

Summary:

- 600' buried longitudinally, ~4' to 10' of debris.
- Stream channel realignment.
- Eastbound lane embankment undermined.
- Required hydraulics and bridge inspection.



Contract executed Dec. 19 for emergency work to restore essential travel including:

- Controlled debris removal.
- Paving roadway and replacing guardrail.
- Reestablish drainage and culverts.
- Stream channel temporarily reconstructed.
- Reconstruct eroded embankment.

Work was completed and road opened Jan. 1.

Next steps: Develop scope of work for summer 2026 culvert replacement and other permanent repairs in stream channel.



US 2, MP 58-70

Summary:

- Ditch, shoulder, and part of EB lane washed out for three miles.
- Mud and debris over roadway in several locations.
- Temporary repairs complete. Road fully opened Jan 10, one lane in each direction.

Contract executed Dec. 18:

- Stabilization to prevent further damage
- Clearing and unplugging drainage structures
- Complete temporary repairs to open the road without restrictions

Next Steps:

Execute contract for permanent repairs to happen in summer, after the snow is gone and temperatures allow.



Emergency work underway

US 2, MP 85-99, Tumwater Canyon

Summary:

- Shoulder and driving lane washed out in 16 locations.
- Detour via Chumstick highway and SR 207 in place

Contract Executed Dec 22:

- Stabilization of banks and roadway
- Completed environmental assessment, pending approval of
Feds permanent repair work will begin

Next Steps:

- Procuring and placing large rock (riprap) to key in riverbed
- Rebuilding roadway embankment
- Roadway Expected to open in March
- Additional work necessary in summer, when temperatures are warmer to finalize pavement work



I-90, MP 36.2 near North Bend

Damage and Work Summary:

- River flooding eroded away roadway slope exposing a culvert, compromising the shoulder and guardrail
- Place rip-rap
- Rebuild roadway embankment, drainage, guardrail and pavement

Contract executed 12/18:

- Place rip rap
- Rebuild roadway embankment, guardrail, and drainage
- Pave roadway and shoulder

Work completed Jan 7. All lanes open.



US 12, MP 190 near Naches

Summary:

- Floodwater eroded roadway embankment.
- Stabilize at the toe of embankment with rip rap and rebuild roadway.
- Viable detour in place using a local road

Contract executed 12/13 for:

- Emergency work underway to prevent further erosion and stabilize.
- Rebuild of roadway.
- Work was paused on 12/26 in order to complete the environmental assessment per federal rules.

Next Steps:

- Pending approval of environmental assessment, resume work on permanent repairs



US 410, MP 26-27 Enumclaw

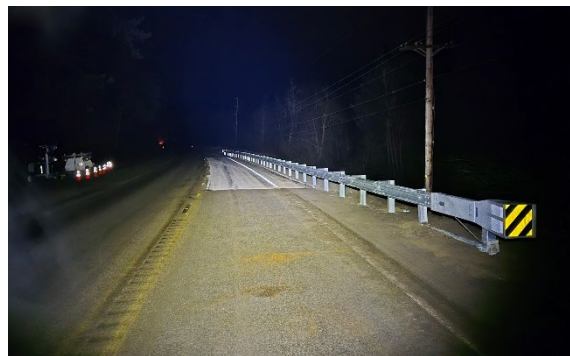
Summary:

- Washout of roadway
- Damage created lack of access to and from Greenwater community.
- Traffic was controlled by alternating signal to maintain access.

Contract executed Dec.19:

- Stabilize embankment
- Rebuild roadway and pave surface

Roadway opened Dec. 23 with permanent repairs complete.



US 542, MP 41 – MP 44 Mt Baker Highway

Summary:

- Flood debris and water caused erosion and roadway damage.
- Slope stabilization and reconstruction of the roadway prism.
- Roadway open to one lane of traffic with signal control.

Contract executed Dec. 19:

- Temporary traffic control

Next Steps:

- Execute contract for debris removal and construction to re-establish two lanes.
- Develop work plan for full restoration.



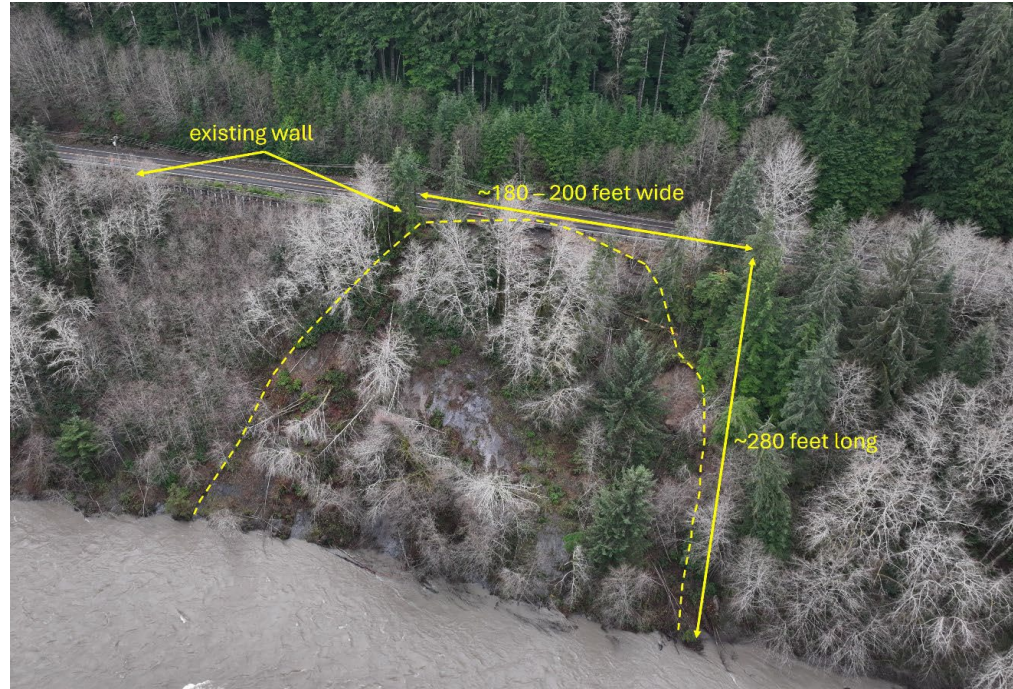
US 101, MP 184.5 South of Forks

Summary:

- Landslide approximately 6 miles south of Forks.
- 200' section of roadway has settled.
- Roadway is open to alternating one-way traffic

Next Steps:

- Further geotechnical analysis and design of a retaining wall to support the highway embankment.
- Repairs are anticipated to occur in summer 2026.



Questions?

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