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STREAMS IN UPPER VALLEY AT FLOOD STAGE FROM RAINS

STEADY RAIN OF PAST WEEK BRINGS RIVER TO HIGH LEVEL - LITTLE DAMAGE IS DONE SO FAR BUT RAIN CONTINUES.

The continuous heavy rain during the last few days of last week cause a sudden rise in the Skagit River and its tributary streams, so that by Sunday morning flood conditions were prevailing in the valley. Colder weather with the rain changing into snow in the mountains, brought relief on Monday, but Tuesday morning another steady and heavy rainfall started, and by today another flood condition is threatened.

Road is Blocked

Sunday morning the Skagit River was running bank full, and all the creeks flowing into the river were at flood stage. The water from the river was over the road at several points between Concrete and Hamilton, but cars were able to make it as far as Hamilton, where progress was stopped, a large part of the road being under water, and between Hamilton and Lyman the road was impassable in several places. Traffic between Concrete and the lower valley was effectually stopped all day Sunday, many local residents who had attended the football game in Seattle or visited other points Saturday being unable to return home. By Monday morning the water had receded enough to open the road, and the river then continued to fall until yesterday morning, when another heavy downpour, continuing all day, started another rise.

Outside of the water on the road, no delays to traffic were caused on the down river road. In the upper valley, the highway

was blocked by water at several points, and the temporary wagon bridge across Diobsud creek was washed out practically isolating many farmers above that point. No report has been received as to whether the temporary Bacon creek bridge stood the flood. Several bridges were also washed out on the new Baker Lake highway, cutting off all traffic to Everett's camp and Baker Lake until repairs are made.

In spite of the steady rain, no bad slides were reported on the highway between here and Sauk, where the road was closed most of last winter by slides, until yesterday afternoon when a slide came down on the Faber hill, but one-way traffic was still possible around the obstruction. A slide on the Great Northern near Faber closed the track yesterday morning, but it was believed that it would be removed and the track opened before night.

Outside of the highways, no real damage from the high water has been reported from any point in the Skagit valley. The river is still at a high stage, and there is still considerable danger of a real flood.

Waters Are Still Rising

A steady rain is still falling this forenoon, and the Skagit is again nearing the high water mark reached on Sunday afternoon. All streams in the valley are steadily rising and there is considerable danger of a real flood if the present weather continues.

