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FLOOD DAMAGE IS LARGE IN UPPER SKAGIT

MARBLEMOUNT HATCHERY HAS BIG DAMAGE — BRIDGE IS REPORTED OUT

Evaluation of flood damage in the upper Skagit valley from the flash flood caused last Thursday by heavy rains in this district was still not complete this week. Many reported washouts proved not as serious as first estimated, while real damage was found elsewhere.

Rocky Creek bridge, which was first reported taken out completely by the water, was found to have been just partly undermined. All traffic was suspended for several days until the water receded and it is now passable. The state highway crew will raise the temporary structure back into position within the next week.

\$20,000 Damage

Greatest damage in the upper valley was at the state fish hatchery at Marblemount, where Jordan and Clark Creeks combined to play havoc with the hatchery grounds. Rocks and gravel from up-stream covered the grounds and much of the work already completed will have to be done over before the damage can be erased. Unofficial estimates place the damage at near \$20,000.

Reports that Marble Creek Bridge, a huge wooden structure on the Cascade Highway some 13 miles above Marblemount was taken out are largely discounted as the bridge was one of the highest on the highway. It is believed that the one destroyed was at the nine mile board, near the Monogram Lake

trail.

The Skagit River reached a record height for the year of 20 feet at Mount Vernon. Water was over the road at Hamilton and below Lyman but traffic continued except for the peak period.