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High Water in Skagit Streams Causes Damage

Warm winds and rain Wednesday following several days of warmer weather caused the Skagit river and its tributary streams to overflow in several places east of this city, blocking the road west of Hamilton and undermining the Great Northern track between Lyman and Sedro-Woolley. Other damage all along the river between here and Marblemount was reported, but so far the main river had not flooded any territory. Backwater and high water in the creeks was responsible for most of the damage, together with slides along the road.

Bad slides are reported on the Van Horn hill blocked both the highway and the railroad last night, but the slide was cleared from the tracks this morning. The road to Hamilton was reported blocked to traffic this afternoon, due to high water, and the river is eating into the land near the

road at Pressentin hill.

A crew of men is working to repair the Great Northern track where the train is stalled this afternoon, and it is believed the railroad will be open to trains soon.

Hatchery Dam Out

Grandy creek is a foot higher than it has been in years, and washed out the dam at the fish hatchery at Birdsvew. Hatchery men are at work building a temporary dam to get water for keeping the fish alive.

The high water caused the Casey-Childs mill boom to break loose this morning and floated some 1,200 cords of shingle bolts down the river. Considerable other damage was done. At Rockport this noon it was reported that the river which had risen a foot this morning, had showed no raise for an hour. The water was not over the road at any place on the Clear Lake road this afternoon.