



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

15-03

WHEREAS, from February 6 through 10, 2015, a series of severe winter rain storms occurred in Clallam, Douglas, Jefferson, and Whatcom counties; and

WHEREAS, these storms produced extreme rainfall resulting in saturated soils, flooding, landslides, and bank erosion causing extensive damage to roadways, road closures, and restricted access impacting the life, health, and safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to repair the damage to roads resulting from this storm currently exceeds \$850,000, and emergency conditions necessitate temporary closure of and limited access to affected roadways, requiring the approval of Washington's Secretary of Transportation to commence work immediately to repair the affected roadways through the implementation of emergency procurement procedures to alleviate impacts to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions are coordinating resources to repair the roadways, continuing to assess the damage caused by these storms, and working to implement damage repairs; and

WHEREAS, the roadway damage and its effects continue to impact the life and health of our citizens, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure of Washington State, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property, or the public peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay R. Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation and under Chapters 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Clallam, Douglas, Jefferson, and Whatcom counties in the state of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures in the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented. State agencies and

