



STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

24-01

December Storm Damage

WHEREAS, starting on December 3rd, 2023, Washington State experienced an unprecedented atmospheric river event, with rain causing damage to road infrastructure in Clallam, Grays Harbor, Mason, Skagit, and Snohomish Counties; and

WHEREAS, the damage sustained includes shoulder washout, flooding, log jam due to river flooding, culverts plugged by storm debris, flood related drift accumulation removal, slope failure, landslide, and slides; and

WHEREAS, the damage affects the transportation network and the people who depend on it throughout wide areas of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to repair the damage to affected roadways to alleviate impacts to public safety exceeds \$3,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources to repair the roadways and is working to implement 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, all of which affect life, health, property, and the public peace, and constitute a public emergency demanding immediate action.

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, Grays Harbor, Mason, Skagit, and Snohomish 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 departments are directed to utilize state resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the incident.

