

Trucking Update - Tuesday, Dec. 4th - 4:30 p.m.

Here is our latest update. We must wait for daylight tomorrow to assess roadway conditions. In the meantime, you can check the following for detailed information

Washington (<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/news/update>)

Oregon (<http://www.tripcheck.com/Pages/RCmap.asp?curRegion=0&mainNav=RoadConditions>)

Phone: 5-1-1 in Washington and Oregon

Flooded I-5 in Chehalis still closed; crews wait for river to recede

I-5 remains closed from Exit 68 in Lewis County (11 miles south of Chehalis) to Exit 88 near Grand Mound in Thurston County (approximately 20 miles south of Olympia) due to flooding. It will remain closed through Thursday **at a minimum** and possibly longer, depending on when the floodwaters recede and how much damage the roadway may have incurred. We believe we will be better able to assess conditions tomorrow and provide a better estimate of the opening date by mid-morning Wednesday.

Detour map (440 miles one way)

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/News/Update/I5-Closure-milepost-68-88.htm>

Shorter I-5 detour route now available for trucks carrying emergency supplies and perishable goods

Trucks of 10,000 gross vehicle weight are prohibited on SR 7 southbound beyond Alder Cut-Off Road (milepost 21.7) and northbound beyond Morton with the following exceptions:

- loads related to disaster relief;
- supplies for hospitals and medical centers;
- perishable loads that would not survive the longer detour;
- fuel;
- local deliveries southbound to US 12 between White Pass and I-5;
- local deliveries northbound to Eatonville, Alder and vicinity.

All trucks must have on board documentation (bill of lading) indicating what cargo they are carrying and their destination.

Washington State Patrol troopers, National Guard soldiers and WSDOT crews at traffic control points will determine whether shipments qualify. WSDOT and the Washington State Patrol will be modifying the traffic flow and adjusting criteria in the next few days to assure the route is not overloaded.

Trucks that do not meet these standards will be turned away and encouraged to take the detour route through the Tri-Cities.

We continue to work with local communities to get other alternate routes open and are prepared to take action to get I-5 open after the flood waters recede, we inspect the roadway and make any needed repairs.

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For the most up-to-date information on road conditions

Call 5-1-1 in Washington and Oregon or visit:

WSDOT: www.wsdot.wa.gov/news/update

ODOT: www.tripcheck.com

These resources will be updated with new information as the situation changes.

Other Washington highway updates

Tuesday morning, crews were able to reestablish access to and from Aberdeen. US 12 out of Aberdeen is still closed and we continue work on SR 8 to help improve the flow of that detour.

Oregon highway updates

[Latest news releases - lists closures](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/news_main.shtml) - http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/news_main.shtml

[Oregon road closures Tuesday, Dec. 4](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/nr07120403.shtml) - <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/nr07120403.shtml>