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Mount Rainier Flood Recovery

What is being done to restore winter road access to Mount Rainier National Park? Superintendent Dave Uberuaga invites the public to attend flood recovery information sessions to be held in gateway communities of Mount Rainier National Park.

“The flooding in early November created an incredible number of challenging problems throughout the park that we are working hard to solve so the public and park staff can safely access Mount Rainier,” Uberuaga said.

Park crews are busy working to restore power, water and sewer utilities at Longmire, repairing smaller sections of road damage, and looking at the options for fixing the significant damage on the Nisqually entrance road.

National Park staff will share information on decisions, timelines and other factors affecting flood recovery. Sessions include a slide show of flood damage and the work to date as well as the chance to ask questions of park managers.

Meetings are planned in these communities:

Packwood – 7 p.m. Monday, December 11, at the Fire Station on Hwy 123

Enumclaw – 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 12 at the Enumclaw Library Meeting Room

Ashford – 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 13 at Fire Station 23 on Hwy 706

Eatonville – 7 p.m. Thursday, December 14 at the Eatonville Community Center, 305 Center Street

Traditional winter access to the park is still possible in the Carbon River, Highway 410 and Highway 123 areas of the park for hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Restroom and other facilities are not available except at Carbon River.

Photos and current park information are available at the official Mount Rainier National Park web site at www.nps.gov/mora.

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