

Mount Rainier National Park

November 2008 Flood



More than 8 inches of rain on November 12 caused streams to swell.

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Although not as destructive as the flood in November 2006, this event did cause damage in and out of the park.

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The Fairfax Road outside the Carbon River Entrance sustained a 200-foot long washout across both lanes.

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The Carbon River Road sustained new damage.

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The Carbon River Trail reroute washed out.

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Former quarters at Carbon River washed into the river.

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There was some erosion of the dike at Sunshine Point.

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Water flowed over the Westside Road at Fish Creek, an area not generally open to the public.

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Deposition of new sediment left little clearance beneath Tahoma Creek bridge.

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Kautz Creek overflowed the road November 12, spilling into the parking lot.

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The Kautz Creek 2006 channel was dry, with water instead flowing into the culverts from a new location.

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Kautz Creek flowed east of the 2006 channel into 12-foot culverts

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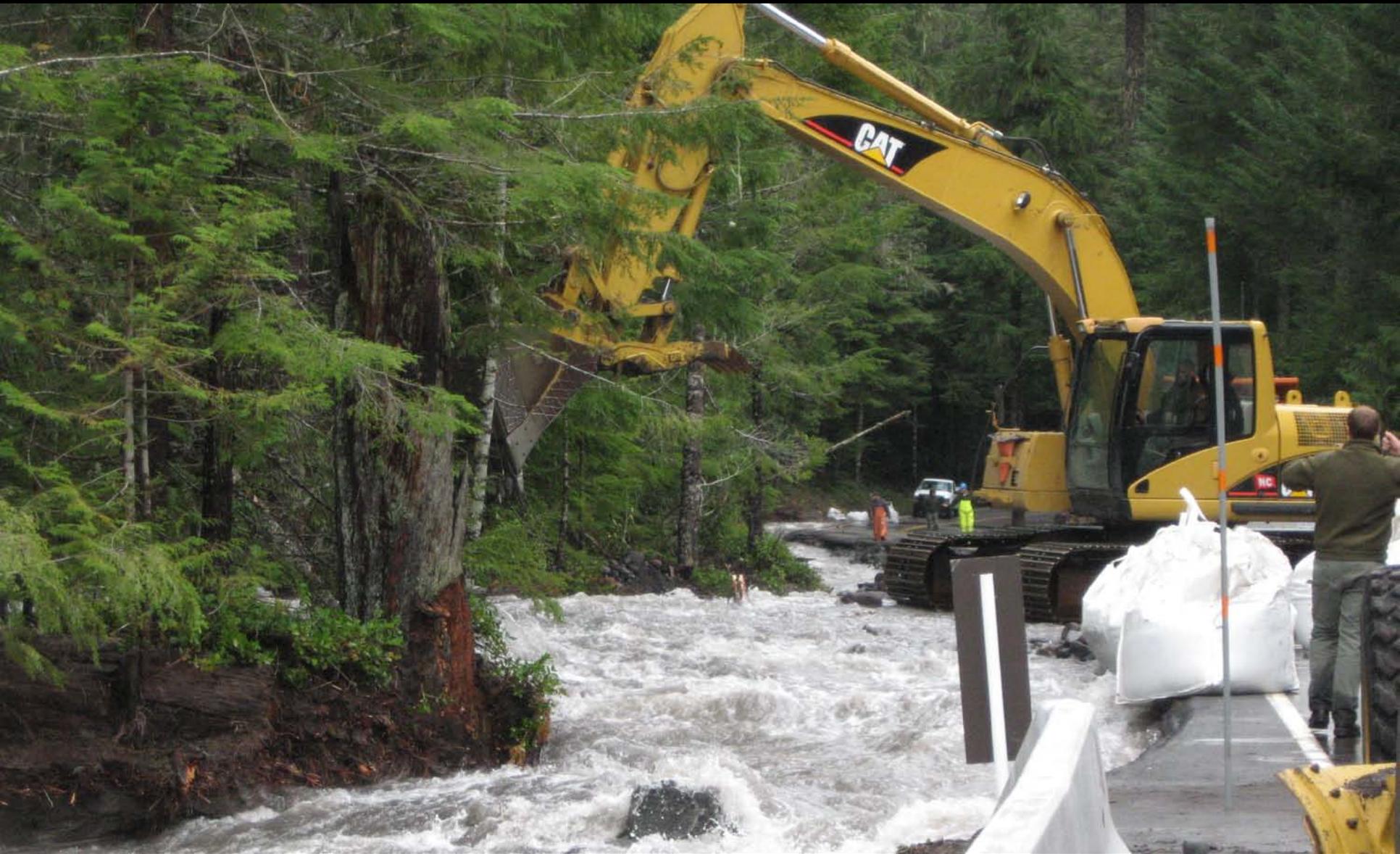
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Kautz Creek crossed the road east of the 12-foot culverts.

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Work began immediately to protect the road from the pounding of Kautz Creek in its new location.

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Park crews dug a trench to divert the water back into Kautz Creek's 2006 channel.

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There was also damage to the Kautz Helibase access road and power line.

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Damage to Kautz Helibase access road

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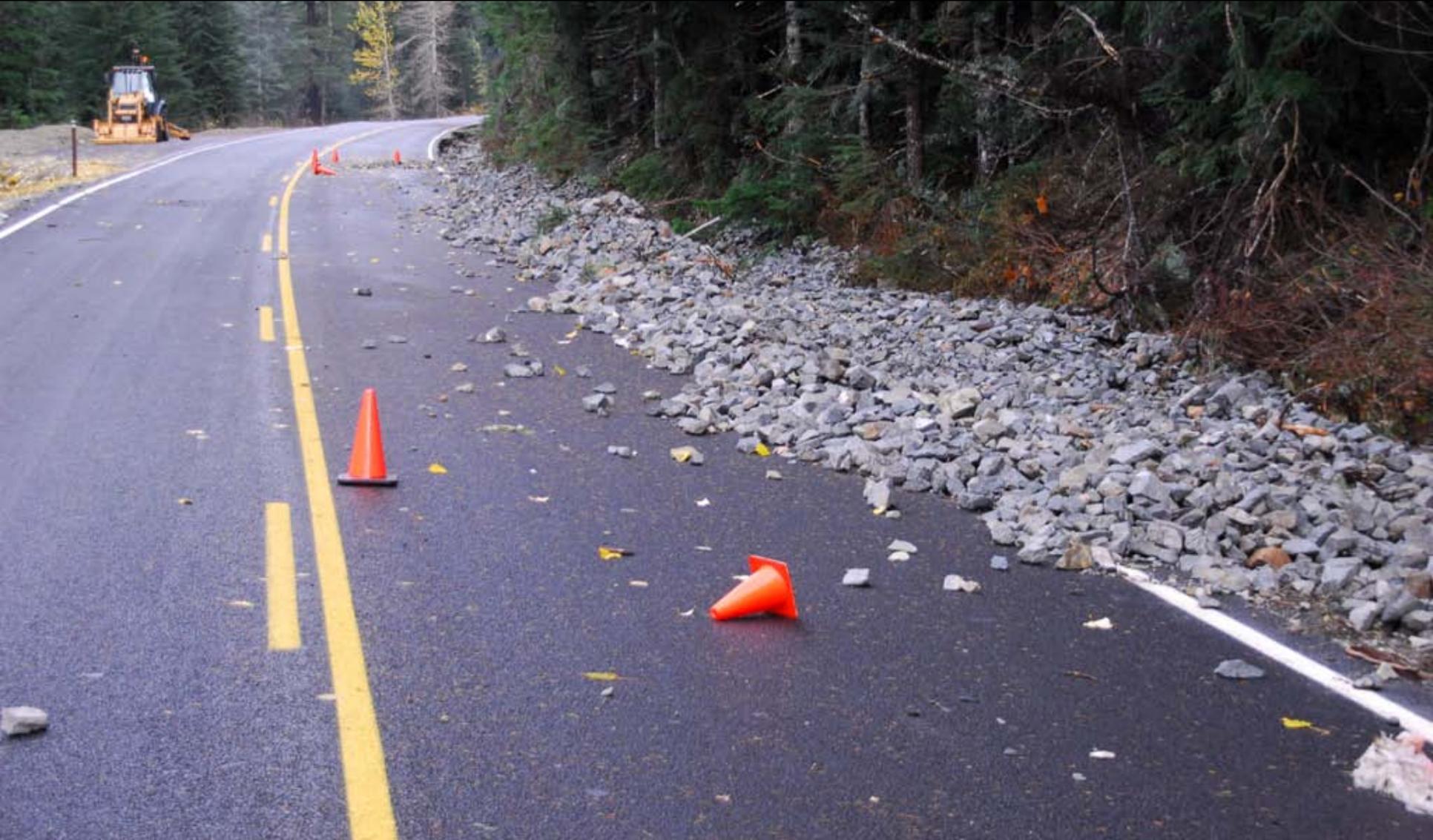
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SR 123 closed due to damage at several locations, including milepost 105.

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Rock deposition on SR 123 at milepost 10.6

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Backcountry trails also were impacted by the rain, including the Martha Falls Trail.

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A landslide at Van Trump Creek almost blocked the river channel.

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A section of the Wonderland Trail in Stevens Canyon was stripped away by a landslide.

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Erosion of the Wonderland Trail in Stevens Canyon continued.

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The Grove of the Patriarchs suspension bridge approach was pulled from cement footings.

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Recovery will be far quicker than in 2006, with the Nisqually Road reopening November 22