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## Mount Rainier National Park News Release

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### HEAVY RAINS FORCE PARK CLOSURE

A torrential storm dropped more than 7 inches of rain on Mount Rainier National Park on Sunday, with another 10 inches expected on Monday. Park rivers are raging bank to bank, with chocolate-colored water carrying trees, rocks, and mud. Several park roads and campgrounds are threatened by flooding and mudslides.

Park officials closed the main park road from the Nisqually Entrance to Paradise and are turning people back at the park gate. Highway 123 is also closed, due to a rockslide. "We want to prevent visitors getting trapped inside the park. The road is vulnerable to washouts in several key places, and there is only one way out." said superintendent Dave Uberagua. Park employees working at Longmire were encouraged to leave the park while the roads are still passable rather than finish their work day.

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