

Andrew J. Kinney Emergency Management Coordinator Worked 36 years as a Geographer

Geography – "A science that deals with the earth and its life – the description of land, sea, air and the distribution of plant and animal life including man."

My job – What can go wrong? How bad is it and can it get worse? How do we respond? How do we recover?

### Main Point I've learned – MOTHER NATURE will always win!

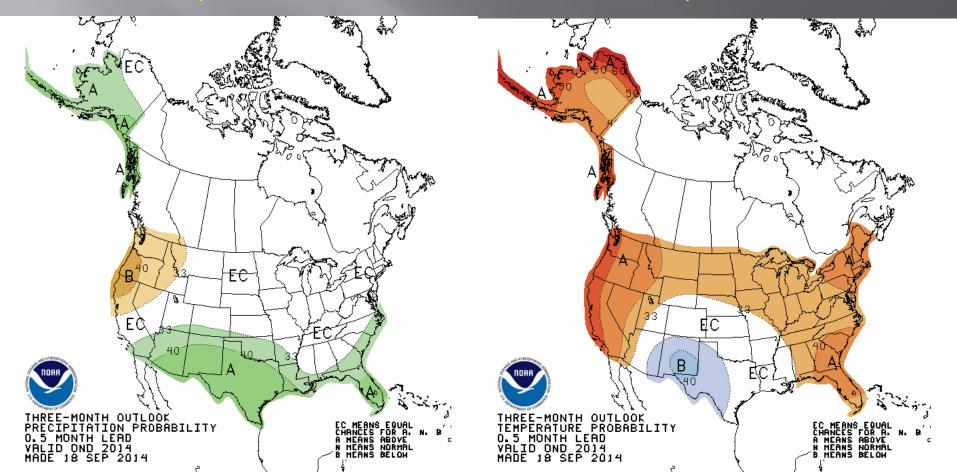
Her 4 main tools – TIME GRAVITY WATER (The Universal Solvent) ENERGY

### National Weather Service – Seasonal Outlooks October – December 2014

The chance of El Nino is at 60-65% during the Northern Hemisphere fall and winter.

Precipitation

Temperature

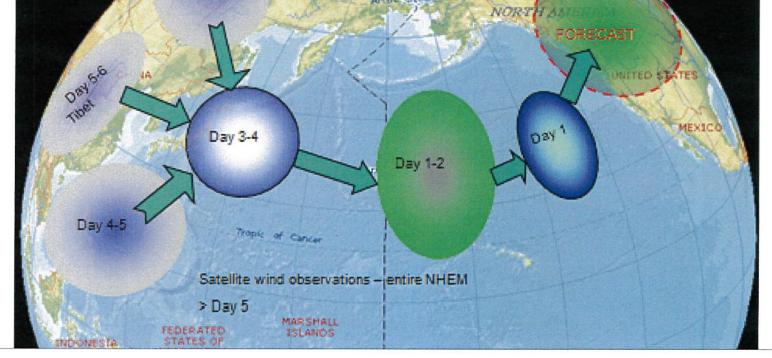


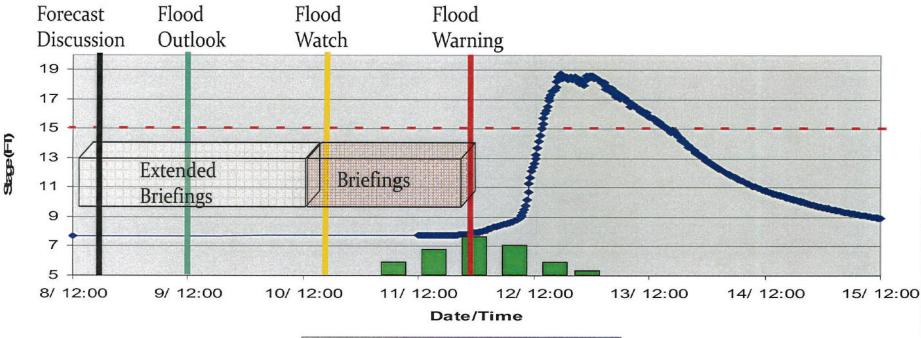
But... We could get this – November 2006 Early November – Flooding Mid November – 2 Tree Trimming Wind Events Last Monday of November – Lowland Snow Monday Night Football w/Packers on the frozen tundra of Qwest Field Mid December – Hanukkah Eve Wind Storm Still – Be Prepared!

http://www.weather.gov/briefing/

# FLOODS







GLBW1 - - Flood Stage

# FLOODS

### Why not Drive through Flood Water?



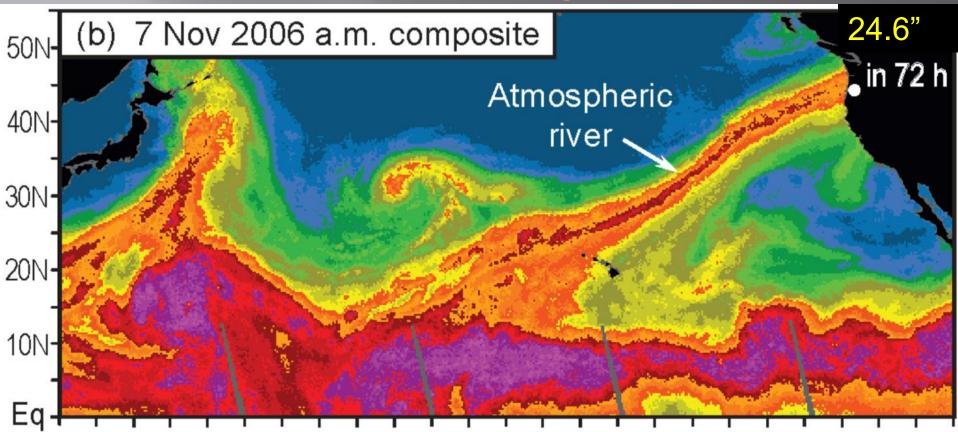
In Washington, HALF of all FATALITIES are driving in floods!

Cedar Flats Road Dec. 2007



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTbhyHNA1 Vc

### **Nisqually River Flooding-Remember '96**



Remember Nov. 2006, Dec. 2007 or Jan. 2009? All higher flood levels – except for Nisqually!

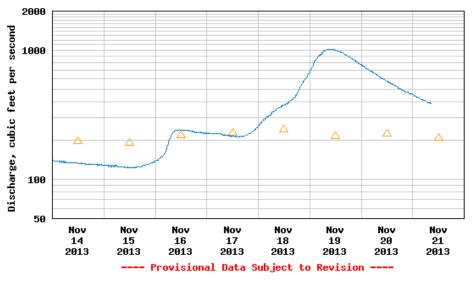
Yes – 24.6" in 72 hrs. Record 12.89' (yes feet) Feb. 24 – 26, 2007 La Rèunion

## FLOODS

### USGS Water Watch



USGS 12079000 DESCHUTES RIVER NEAR RAINIER, WA





🛆 Median daily statistic (53 years) — Discharge

**Flood** Notification Resources Thurston County Emergency Management - Website http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/em/index.htm From this website you can:

**Register for Telephone Alerts from TCEM** Check River Levels and Forecasts Get Sandbagging Information **Groundwater Flooding Information** Access the Fall 2014 Flood Bulletin

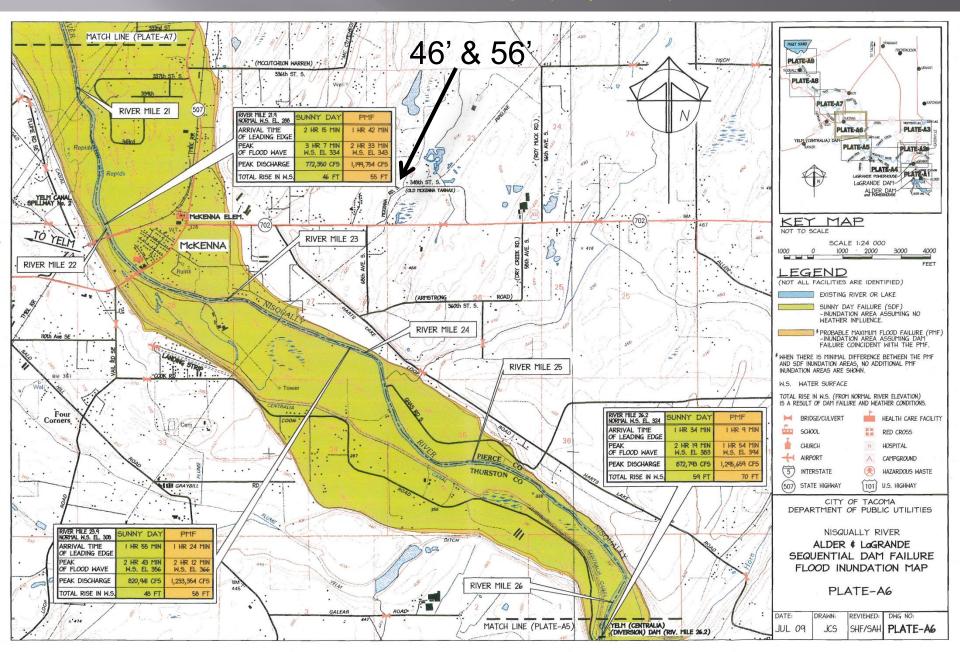
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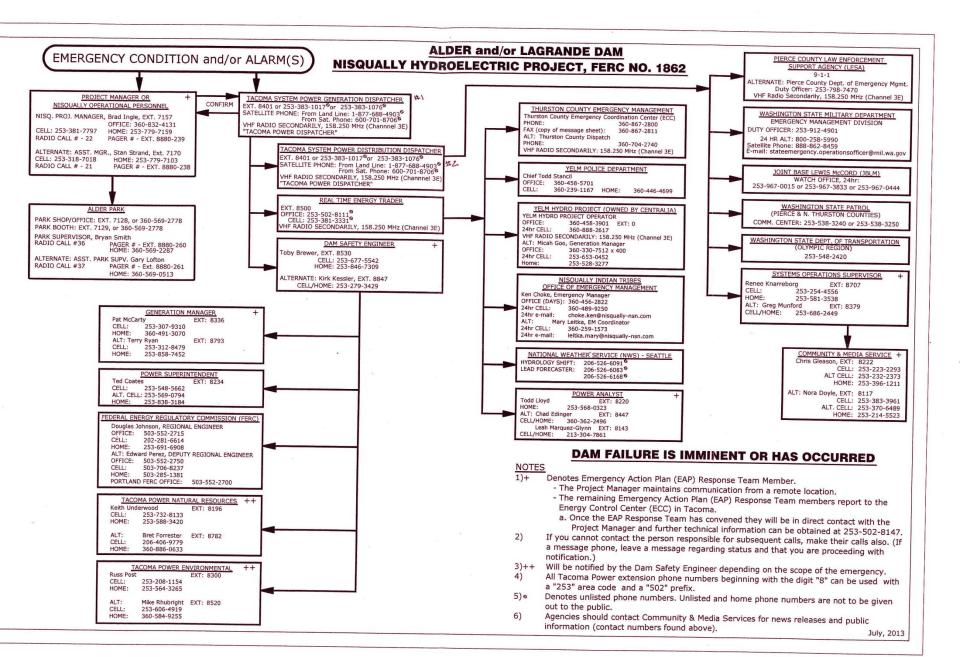
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"Subscribe for system changes"

### Alder and LaGrande Sequential Dam Failure Flood Inundation Maps (July 2009)



### **Nisqually Hydroelectric EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**



# WINTER STORMS

Washington has had 7 Presidential Declarations for Winter Storms since 1956.



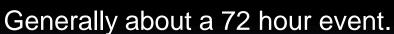




# WINTER STORMS











# VOLCANOES

### Mount Adams





Mount Baker

### Mount St. Helens

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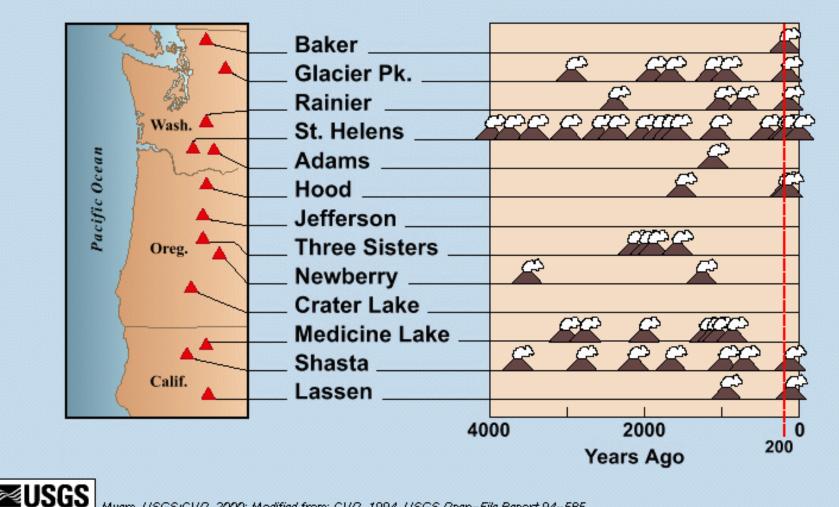
# VOLCANOES



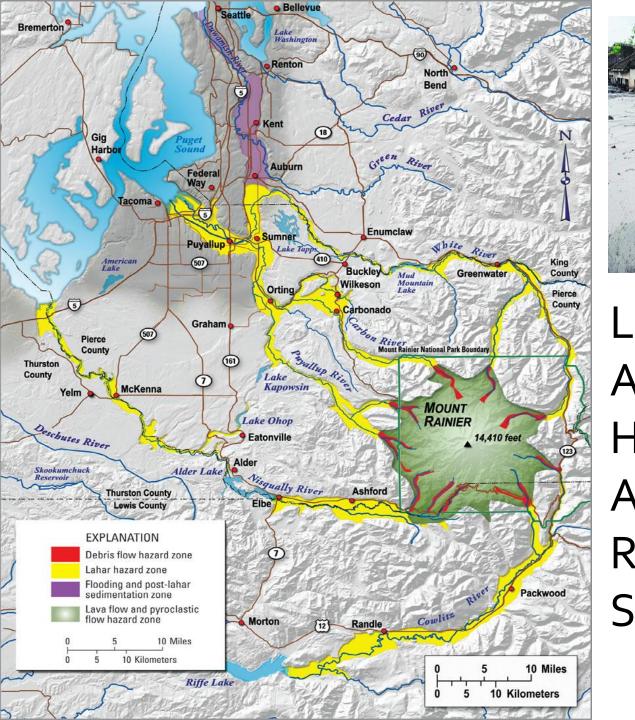
**Mount Rainier** 

# VOLCANOES

### **Cascade Eruptions During The Past 4,000 Years**



Myers, USGS/CVD, 2000; Modified from: CVD, 1994, USGS Open-File Report 94-585





http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7 Ct7G5IEHpc&list=TL56Dyklkcbyj4Pe7 CJzduPh72eXKVARh8

### **MOUNT RAINIER IS AN ACTIVE VOLCANO Are You Ready for An Eruption?**

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6.000 YEARS AGO

Mount Rainier is much more than a mountain in the sky. Constructed of hundreds of lava flows, and capped by as much glacier ice as all other Cascade volcanoes combined, Rainier's steep rubbly slopes and abundant water make it prone to landslides and lahars (volcanic mudflows), especially during eruptions. Lahars are the biggest hazards to the area. Scientists and emergency officials watch and warn. Do your part by being prepared.

OTHER @ emd.wa.gov

Inr.wa.gov

USEFUL

o volcanoes.usgs.gov



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LAVA FLOW

Tacoma

Lakewood

ERUPTION

While an eruption or lahar might not happen in our lifetime, being prepared is our

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Packwood

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There are 5 active volcanoes in Washington State. Be prepared: Get more information and learn about volcano hazards that might affect your family.

#### piercecountywa.org/activevolcano

# SPACE WEATHER

#### **Sunspots**

Sunspots are comparatively cool areas at up to 7,700° F and show the location of strong magnetic fields protruding through what we would see as the Sun's surface. Large, complex sunspot groups are generally the source of significant space weather.

#### **Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs)**

Large portions of the corona, or outer atmosphere of the Sun, can be explosively blown into space, sending billions of tons of plasma, or superheated gas, Earth's direction. These CMEs have their own magnetic field and can slam into and interact with Earth's magnetic field, resulting in geomagnetic storms. The fastest of these CMEs can reach Earth in under a day, with the slowest taking 4 or 5 days to reach Earth.

#### Solar Wind

The solar wind is a constant outflow of electrons and protons from the Sun, always present and buffeting Earth's magnetic field. The background solar wind flows at approximately one million miles per hour!

# **Space Weather**

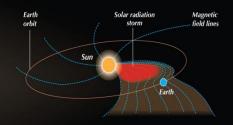
Space weather refers to the variable conditions on the Sun and in the space environment that can influence the performance and reliability of space-based and ground-based technological systems, as well as endanger life or health. Just like weather on Earth, space weather has its seasons, with solar activity rising and falling over an approximate 11 year cycle.

#### Sun's Magnetic Field

Strong and ever-changing magnetic fields drive the life of the Sun and underlie sunspots. These strong magnetic fields are the energy source for space weather and their twisting, shearing, and reconnection lead to solar flares.

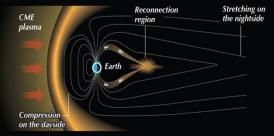
#### **Solar Radiation Storms**

Charged particles, including electrons and protons, can be accelerated by coronal mass ejections and solar flares. These particles bounce and gyrate their way through space, roughly following the magnetic field lines and ultimately bombarding Earth from every direction. The fastest of these particles can affect Earth tens of minutes after a solar flare.



#### **Geomagnetic Storms**

A geomagnetic storm is a temporary disturbance of Earth's magnetic field typically associated with enhancements in the solar wind. These storms are created when the solar wind and its magnetic field interacts with Earth's magnetic field. The primary source of geomagnetic storms is CMEs which stretch the magnetosphere on the nightside causing it to release energy through magnetic reconnection. Disturbances in the ionosphere (a region of Earth's upper atomosphere) are usually associated with geomagnetic storms.





#### Solar Flares

Reconnection of the magnetic fields on the surface of the Sun drive the biggest explosions in our solar system. These solar flares release immense amounts of energy and result in electromagnetic emissions spanning the spectrum from gamma rays to radio waves. Traveling at the speed of light, these emissions make the 93 million mile trip to Earth in just 8 minutes. Earth's Magnetic Field

Earth

Earth's magnetic field, largely like that of a bar magnet, gives the Earth some protection from the effects of the Sun. Earth's magnetic field is constantly compressed on the day side and stretched on the night side by the ever-present solar wind. During geomagnetic storms, the disturbances to Earth's magnetic field can become extreme. In addition to some buffering by the atmosphere, this field also offers some shielding from the charged particles of a radiation storm.

#### **Global Positioning System (GPS)**

Geomagnetic storms can impact the accuracy and availability of GPS by changing the ionosphere, the electrically charged laver of the atmosphere a GPS signal must pass through from satellite to ground receiver. The ionosphere is the largest source of error in GPS positioning and navigation. These ionospheric disturbances are ever-present but can become severe during geomagnetic

storms, resulting in range errors in excess of 100 feet, or even resulting in loss of lock on the GPS signal entirely. These errors can have significant impacts on precision uses of GPS such as navigation, agriculture, oil drilling, surveying, and timing.



#### **Satellite Operations**

There are thousands of satellites in orbit around Earth with applications in television and radio, communications, meteorology, national defense, and much more. Space weather can affect these satellites in many ways. Solar radiation storms can cause spacecraft orientation problems by interfering with star trackers and by causing errors or damage in electronic devices. Geomagnetic storms can create a hazardous charging environment for satellites resulting in damaging electrostatic discharge, much like touching a door knob and getting that spark on a dry winter day. Geomagnetic storms also cause heating of the atmosphere, essentially causing it to expand, which results in more drag or slowing down of an orbiting satellite. In a worst case, space weather can cause the satellite to fail.

#### **Space Operations**

Astronauts and their equipment in space are bombarded with charged particle radiation. This radiation causes tissue or cell damage in humans. Space weather and solar radiation storms are of particular concern for activities outside the protection of Earth's atmosphere and magnetic field.

# Space Weather Impacts on Earth

Electrons accelerated in the tail of the magnetosphere travel down the magnetic field lines. Electrons collide with the upper atmosphere 50 to 300 miles above Earth. Electrons exchange energy with the atmosphere exciting the atmospheric atoms and molecules to higher energy levels. When the atoms and molecules relax back to lower energy levels, they release their energy in the form of light.

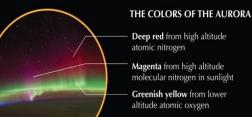
Dayside

#### Aurora

Aurora

Nightside

The Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) and Aurora Australis (Southern Lights) are the result of electrons colliding with Earth's upper atmosphere. The electrons are energized through acceleration processes in the downwind tail (nightside) of the magnetosphere. The accelerated electrons follow the magnetic field of Earth down to the polar regions where they collide with oxygen and nitrogen atoms and molecules in Earth's upper atmosphere. In these collisions, the electrons transfer their energy to the atmosphere, thus exciting the atoms and molecules to higher energy states. When they relax back to lower energy states, they release their energy in the form of light. The aurora typically forms 50 to 300 miles above the ground. Earth's magnetic field guides the electrons such that the aurora forms two ovals approximately centered at each magnetic pole.



Magenta from low altitude molecular nitrogen (not shown in the picture)

Deep red from high altitude atomic nitrogen

Magenta from high altitude

Greenish yellow from lower

altitude atomic oxygen

#### Aviation

Aircraft use High Frequency (HF) radio communication to stay in touch with ground controllers in remote areas such as over the oceans or over the poles. Solar flares can "black out" the use of HF on the dayside of Earth and solar radiation storms can "black out" use of HF near the poles, impacting the aircraft's ability to stay in touch with the ground. Impacts to GPS systems can also significantly affect airline operations.

#### **Power Grids**

Geomagnetic storms result in electric currents in the magnetosphere and ionosphere as the area shaped by Earth's magnetic field is compressed and disturbed. The disturbed conditions create additional currents in long conductors on the ground such as overhead transmission lines or long pipelines. In the most extreme cases, these currents can cause voltage instability or damage to power system components, potentially resulting in temporary service disruptions, or even a widespread power outage.

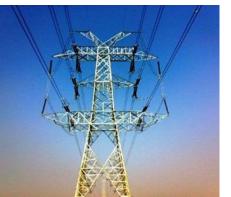


OAA Education www.education.noaa.gov IOAA Space Weather Prediction Center www.spaceweather.gov

# **SPACE WEATHER**



- Extra-high-voltage transmission lines
   Magnitude of geomagnetically induced current flow
- Areas of probable power-system collapse







### LANDSLIDES/MUD FLOWS

Legend



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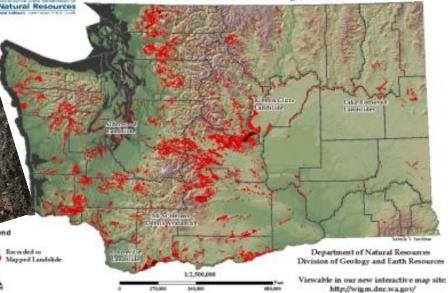
**SR530** 





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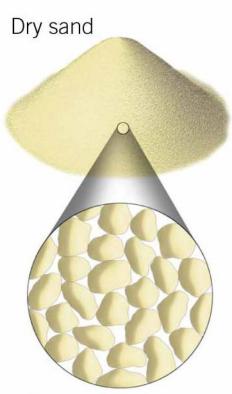
DNR's Landslide Database of Washington State



SR530 Landslide near Oso, can this happen here?



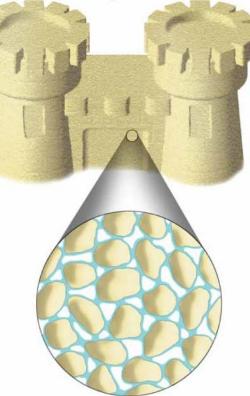
**Glacial Deposits Steep Slopes** Lots of Rain -Saturated soils **River or water** body to weaken slope toe



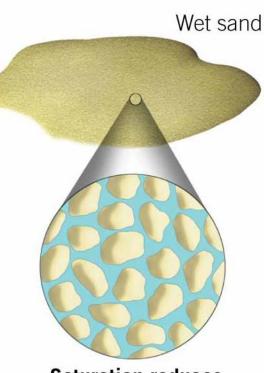
Dry sand grains are bound mainly by friction with one another

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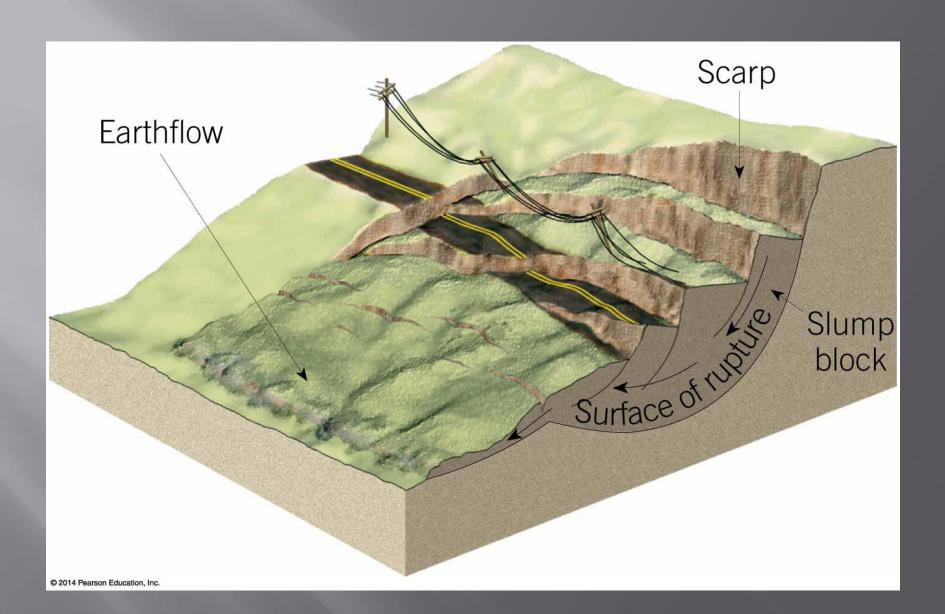
Damp sand



Small amounts of water increase the cohesion among sand grains



Saturation reduces friction and causes the sand to flow



Landslide Risks for Thurston County Types of Landslides and Secondary Hazards

 Deep Seated Slow Moving – Carlyon Beach Large area slow moving (feet/year)
 Shallow Fast Moving – Coastal Bluffs and Rock Candy Mountain - smaller area fast moving, >50 mph
 Hybrid Landslides – Oso - large and fast moving

### Secondary Hazards –

- Landslide generated Tsunamis
- Backwater Flooding caused by debris blocking a waterway

### 7 Key Physiographic Areas:

Summit Lake Area
 Black Hills Range (Rock Candy Mt.)
 Tenino Mountain Range
 North Side of Tenino (Old Hwy 99)
 Nisqually River Bank
 Deschutes River Bank
 Marine Coastal Areas





Thurston County is working in cooperation with WA Dept. of Natural Resources to assess Shallow Landslide Potentials



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"Climate Change Health Threats in Washington" http://www.nrdc.org/health/climate/wa.asp#ap\_heat



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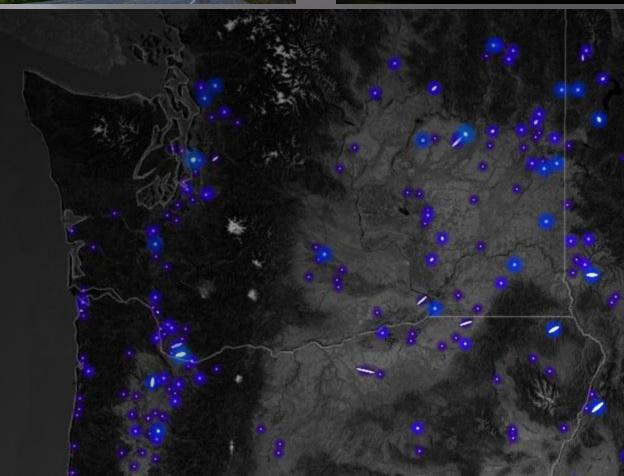


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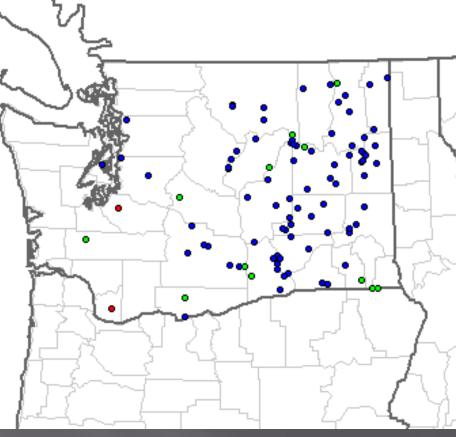
Tornados that touched down from 1950 through 2011.



# TORNADOS

1972 Vancouver F3 Tornado – 6 fatalities, 301 injured and \$3 – \$5,000,000 in damages





Washington generally experiences 1 to 3 Tornados per year.

# WILDFIRES

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Okanogen Complex Fire

Wenatchee Complex Fire

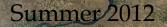
Yakima Complex Fire Table Mountain Complex Fire

Mt. St. Helens

Washington

Mt. Ranier

Cascade Creek



# WILDFIRES



Last map update: Aug, 15th 2012 at 8:53:10 pm PDT

//www.wrh.noaa.gov/sew/



http://www.nwccweb.us/information/firemap.aspx

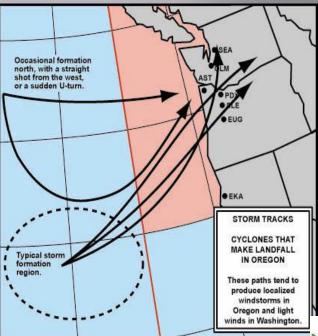


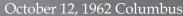
NATIONAL WILDFIRES THROUGH AUGUST 20, 2012

FIRES ACRES BURNED 52,197 42,488 4,960,017 10-YR AVG\* 2012 10-YR AVG\* 2012 VEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGE

Washington – 1,342 Fires 259,526 2014 estimate is over 350,000 acres

# WIND STORMS





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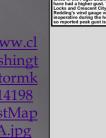
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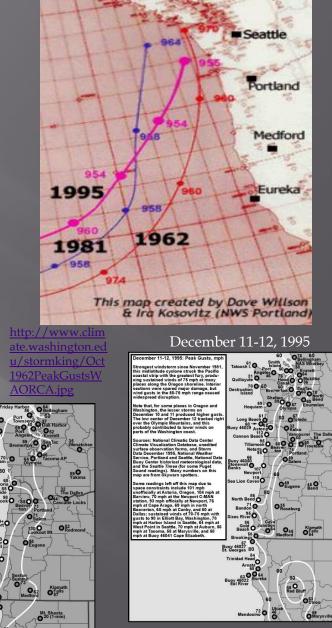
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Strongest Winds Occur When Storm Center Tracks Northeast Into Southern B.C.

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#### Lowland Fall and Winter Winds.



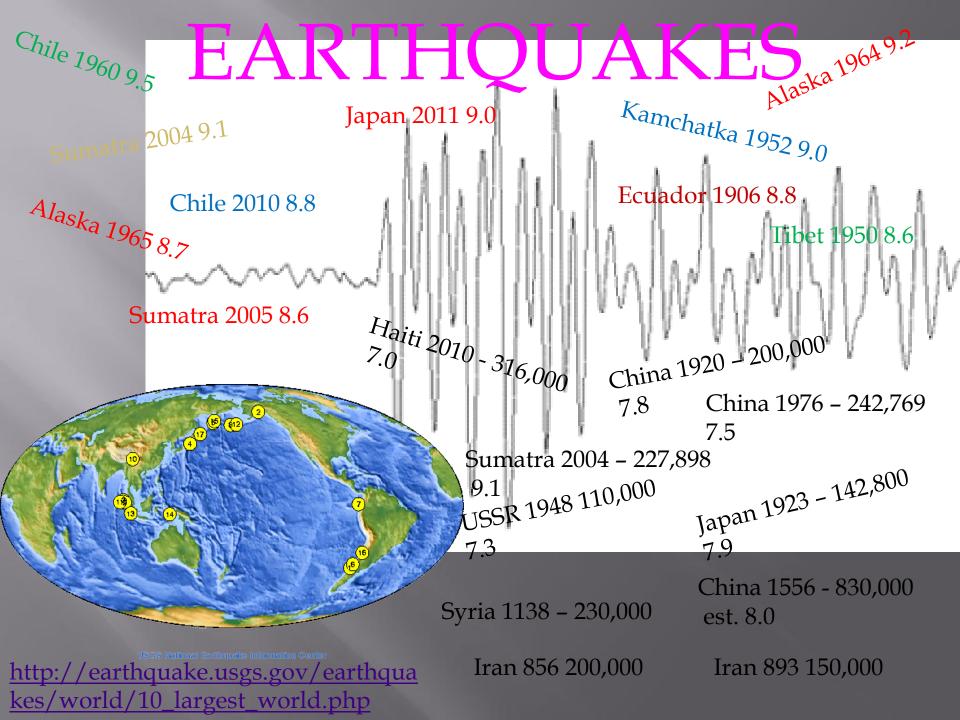
Winds Race From Higher Pressure In Eastern Washington Toward Offshore Low





As Low Approaches, Strong South Winds Start On Coast, Plus SE Winds In The North

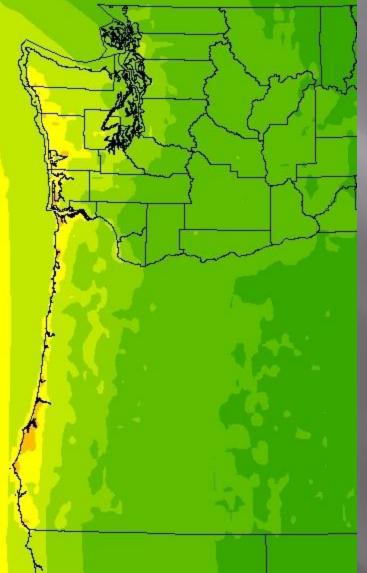




# SCALE

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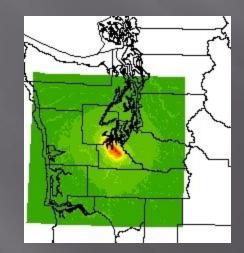
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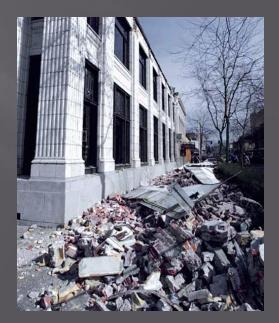






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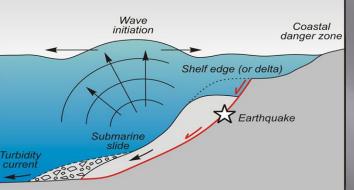


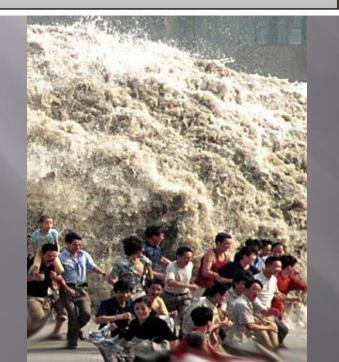


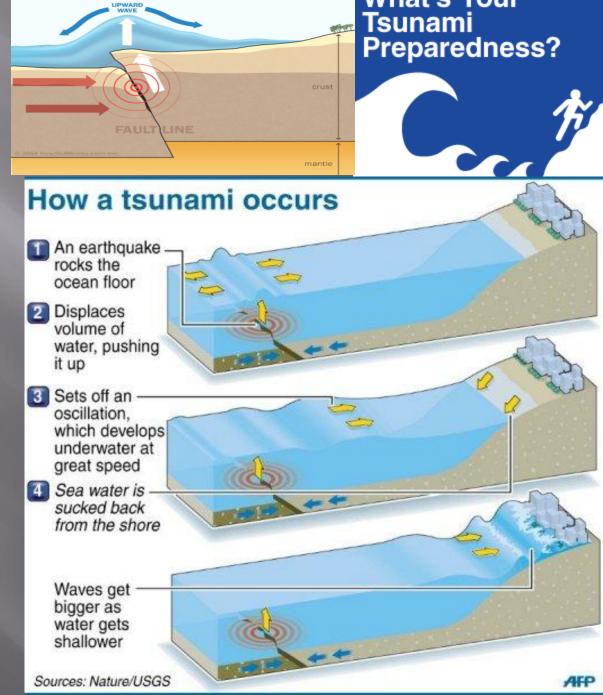
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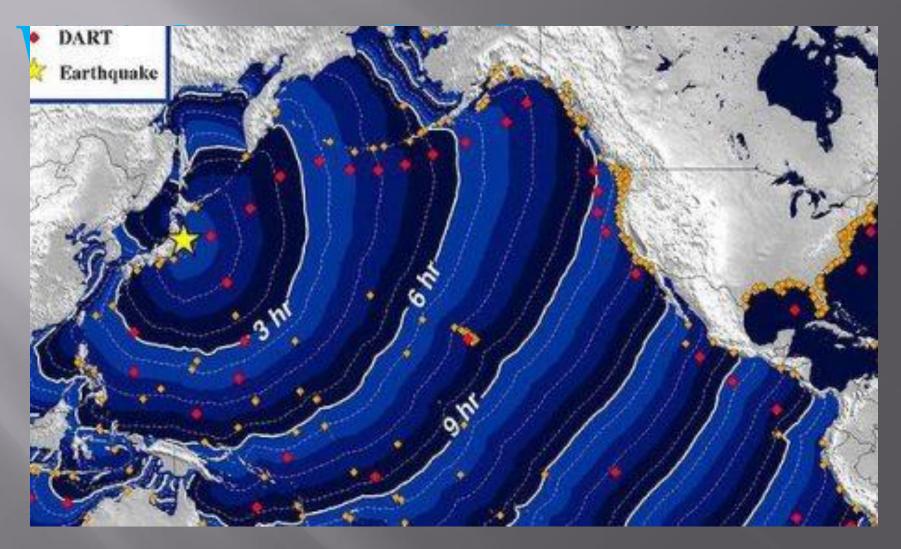








# TSUNAMIS –



Cascadia Quake generated – 20 to 40 minutes!

# TSUNAMIS

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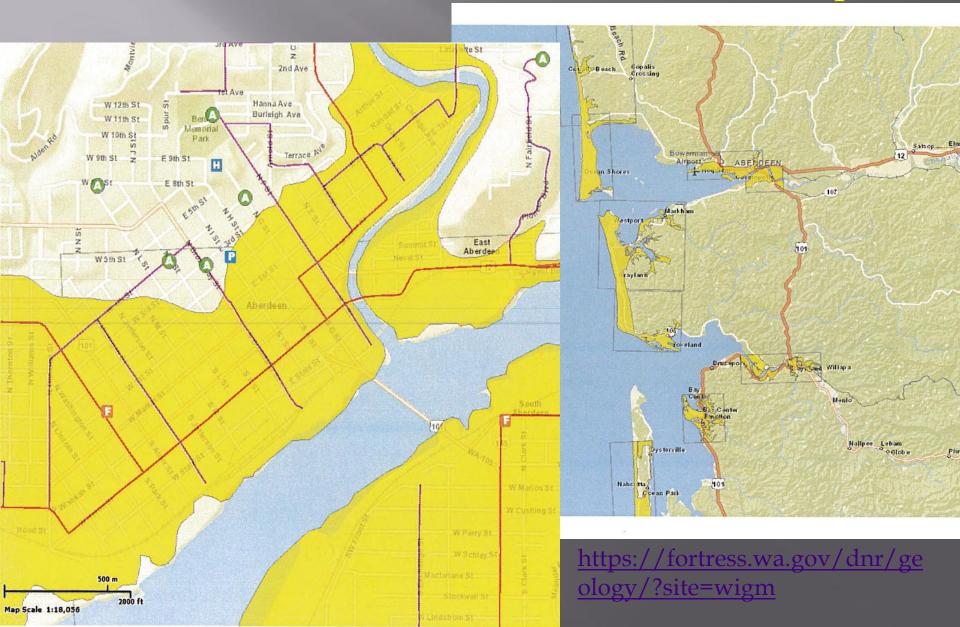


#### Look like this: Probably Not.

#### More like this!

## **TSUNAMIS**

#### Yes, I still visit the Coast – but know the area and have a plan!



# Should we be worried?

















# NO - Learn what the HAZARDS are in your area!

## HAVE A PLAN:

## PERSONAL – Know

what to do!



**Be Prepared!** 



Protect Yourself. Spread The Word.

Under the Bed → ★ Shoes ★ Gloves Hardhat Flashlight

Medications

MT RAINIER VOLCANO/LAHAR WARNING SIREN WHEN SIREN IS ACTIVATED GO TO HIGHER GROUND OUESTIONS ?? CALL PIERCE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 253-798-7470



## HAVE A PLAN

# For FAMILY



#### **OUT OF AREA CONTACT PERSON**

**WHY?** Local phone systems may be shut down in a disaster. However, you frequently can place a long-distance call.

Phone number (with area code):

Cell phone number (with area code):

**TIP:** You may be able to text message all your loved ones on your cell phone. Keep these messages short.

#### OUT OF AREA CONTACT PLAN FOR STATUS CHECK and UNIFICATION

#### Emergency Resource Guide

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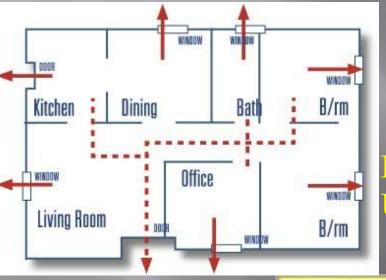
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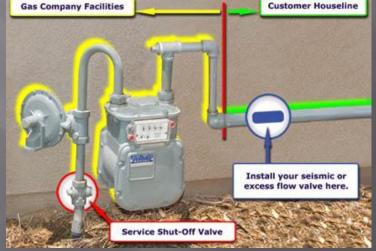




#### **Evacuation Plan – Assembly**



NATURAL GAS ELECTRIC WATER SHUTOFF PLAN



### **PLANNING RESOURCES**

<u>www.ready.gov</u> - Has personal, family and business planning guides and games for kids.

Washington Military Department – Emergency Management Division – Preparedness <u>http://www.emd.wa.gov/preparedness/prep\_index.shtml</u>

ALERTS/WARNINGS and planning information – Local government websites. Example <u>http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/em/Flood/TeleAlert.htm</u> <u>http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/prepare.aspx</u>

## QUESTIONS?



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